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AIR MISHAP KILLS 23

CPA Dakota Crashes In Fog In City Outskirts FLIGHT FROM MANILA

Nineteen passengers—all Chinese and including three children—and four European crew were killed in an air crash on the island of Hong Kong yesterday.

The plane, a CPA Dakota belonging to the Cathay Pacific Airways, crashed into a ravine on the South West side of Braemar Reservoir, about five miles from the centre of the city.

The crew were Captain J. C. Paish, First Officer A. Campbell, Radio Operator N. W. F. Moore, and Flight Hostess O. Batley.

Up to late last night nine bodies were found. These were not removed pending an official investigation today by the Director of Civil Aviation, Mr. A. J. R. Moss, in conjunction with the Police.

In the meantime, police guards are keeping a 24-hour watch on the scene.

The plane, on a scheduled flight from Manila, was making an approach to land at Kai Tak when it crashed in heavy mist on the edge of the reservoir on a hill opposite the Commercial Press Works, King's Road.

This was the second air tragedy in Hong Kong in about two months. A CNAC plane crashed also in fog on Basalt Island on December 21 with a loss of 35 lives.

Inspector Darkin, Inspector Wheeler and Detective Inspector Sykes and a party of constables were the first search party to locate the plane after it was reported to have crashed.

Inspector Darkin and his party from Eastern Police Station found the wreckage burning furiously in a small ravine on the South West side of Braemar Reservoir which belongs to Talkoo Docks.

The body of the plane had telescoped into a heap of wreckage with part of the tail, devoid of elevators, sticking up.

The telescoped body burned so furiously that the undergrowth on the sides of the ravine caught fire.

The damaged wings of the plane, untouched by the fire, were on both sides of the burning mass—the right wing hanging above the water's edge and the left wing resting on the side of the ravine.

Rescue Impossible

One of the wheels was lying in the water under the right wing. The other wheel was on the hillside just behind the left wing.

When the first police party reached the wreck, members of the party were not able to get near the burning plane because of the intense heat. It was impossible to make any attempt to rescue survivors if there had been any.

A number of explosions occurred as the wreckage which burned for more than three hours. The police threw a cordon round the area, and for a time Press representatives who turned up late were not allowed to view the wreck.

Mr. A. J. R. Moss, Director of Civil Aviation, also visited the area for an official inspection and investigation.

First report of the crash came from Mr. A. I. Cash, Waterworks Inspector. He telephoned the police that after seeing a plane low in the reservoir area flying due South, he heard the engines cut off suddenly, followed by a crash.

Search parties from Bay View Station and Eastern Station were sent out immediately. The wreckage was located by Inspector Darkin, Inspector Wheeler and Detective Inspector Sykes within half an hour.

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Miss Olive Batley, one of the victims of the CPA crash, was the 24-year-old flight hostess of the ill-fated Dakota.

Unable to climb any further because of damaged elevators, the pilot was apparently making an attempt to land the plane on the water when he crashed into the ravine.

Heavy Mist

A heavy mist hung over the reservoir at the time visibility was only about 30 yards. The ravine apparently was not seen until it was too late.

An official statement issued by Cathay Pacific Airways said: "Cathay Pacific Airways' C-47 VR-HDG crashed near the Braemar Reservoir at 11.30 a.m. local time when carrying out normal approach procedure prior to landing at Kai Tak."

"At that time there were patches of fog. The aircraft was operating on a normal flight schedule carrying a crew of four and 19 Chinese passengers. Investigations are being undertaken by the Department of Civil Aviation and Cathay Pacific Airways."

While climbing up the hill, a "China Mail" reporter found parts of the plane's elevators and tail near the top, beyond which was the reservoir.

There were also signs on the hillside of the plane's undercarriage having sheared off the tops of young pine trees in its climb up the slope to avoid crashing into the hill.

Blinded by patches of fog while making an approach to the airfield, the pilot apparently suddenly found a hill in front.

It is believed he probably put the plane into a climb and just managed to clear the top after shearing off the tops of bushes and young pine trees which were off parts of the tail elevators.

Deputy Premier In Nanking, Optimistic

Nanking, February 24. The Deputy Prime Minister, General Wu Te-chen, returned here today from Canton in what was considered probably the first step in bridging the gap between Nanking and the South China city.

General Wu told waiting reporters at the airport that Premier Sun Fo also will return here in three or four days.

The Deputy Premier appeared to be in high spirits and told reporters he was optimistic.

Red Leaders See Envoys

San Francisco, February 24. The Communist Party Chairman, Mr. Mao Tse-tung and General Chou En-lai received Yan Hui-ching, Shao Li-tao, Chang Shih and Chiang Yung, who visited Peking in a private capacity, in Shihohsiachuang today a Communist North Shensi broadcast said tonight.

The broadcast said opinions on peace talks restoration of navigation and mail service were widely exchanged. It added the four visitors flew back to Peking on the same day after the talk.—Associated Press.

Porters: "Prospects for peace are good but continued effort is necessary."

Answering questions from waiting reporters in the airfield, General Wu also made the following points:

1. There is no rift between Acting President Li Tsung-jen and Premier Sun Fo. He said when President Li was in Canton recently the two talked in a very harmonious manner.

2. Canton legislators are not opposed to the Legislative Yuan meeting in Nanking and are not insisting on it meeting in Canton.

3. The Government's new request for American aid in foreign economic and not military assistance for the months April to June.

4. Mr. Chung Tien-hsin, Government peace delegate and Minister of Water Conservancy, did not represent the Government when he went to Hong Kong recently to talk with Communist representatives there.

5. Cabinet meetings would still be held in Canton but important cabinet members would shuttle between Nanking and Canton whenever necessary. General Wu said this fits in exactly with President Li's attitude that political ministers should stay here and administrative ministers may move to Canton.—United Press.

Youngest Sister

Her father was formerly of the Chinese Maritime Customs.

Surviving her are her mother, sisters Edith of the BOAC and Mary of the TAA.

Miss Batley was the youngest of the four sisters, one of whom is now in Australia.

The 19 Chinese passengers were said to have been bound for Swatow.

The Hong Kong Office said that they had not received any advice regarding any valuable cargo aboard.

They stated that it was one of the normal passenger lifts to the Colony from Manila.

Passenger List

According to United Press, the passengers included 12 persons from Manila, four from Cebu and three from Misamis. Two of the passengers were women.

The passenger list follows: Tan Siau-lin, Cua Son-lee, Sian Lin, Jose Sian, Ang Cho-poo, Yu Eng-how, Uy Tjong, Tan Hunt, Ong Lok, Tan How, Chan Ka, Antero Cua-nil of Manila, Nilda Juan, Juan Glok Su, Bio Tee, Jose Juan (all of Cebu), Go Tian-ping, Cua Guat and Ty Tiao-pack (all of Misamis).

CPA said it was the first fatal crash in the history of the airline, which was founded in 1946. The plane was insured against accident by Lloyds of London.



Twenty-three lives were lost yesterday in an air crash at the 600-foot high Braemar Reservoir, opposite the Commercial Press factory, King's Road. This photo was taken about an hour after the crash. The plane was still burning.—"China Mail" Photo.

Jews, Egyptians Sign Armistice; Other Arab Nations May Follow

Rhodes, February 24.

Israel and Egypt signed the historic Palestine armistice today and six other Arab states immediately joined the movement for permanent peace in the strife-torn Holy Land.

Iraq and Saudi Arabia announced they will accept any agreements reached between other Arab states and Israel. Simultaneous discussions with Transjordan and the Lebanon will start next week.

Informed sources said Syria will be bound by the Lebanese agreement and Yemen by the Egyptian agreement.

To all intents and purposes the Holy Land warfare, which raged sporadically since Biblical times, ended last night amidst the popping of champagne corks as Israelis and Egyptians celebrated the end of their difficult negotiations.

The actual signing ceremony at 10.30 a.m. GMT in the Yellow Room of Hotel Des Roses was the anti-climax to the celebration last night in the same room.

The terms of the historic armistice provided for virtual demilitarisation of the Negev desert

region in Southern Palestine. The agreement is tantamount to de facto recognition of Israel by Egypt. The agreement avoided any reference to the state of Israel, but the preamble stated the delegations were the representatives of their governments.

Observers agreed that the armistice, although purely a military agreement, laid the foundation for permanent peace in the Holy Land. Its terms are so worded that neither side emerged as the victor or vanquished.

The highly successful character of the armistice started an immediate Arab movement to join with Egypt in reaching an accord with the Israeli state. Iraq informed Dr. Ralph Bunche, Acting United Nations Mediator, that any agreement will be held by Arab states touching on Palestine would be acceptable to Iraq.

To Go Along

Saudi Arabia, asked to join the Rhodes talks, replied that its Government saw no reason for a separate truce and would go along with any action adopted by other Arab League states.

Israel desire to complete negotiations with the Lebanon before completing those with Transjordan worked out in a compromise last night, according to reliable sources. These sources said the Lebanese delegation will come to Rhodes immediately and separate Lebanon-Israeli discussions will be held simultaneously.

Dr. Bunche agreed that the Israeli-Lebanese problems probably would be settled easily and, therefore, an agreement undoubtedly would be reached before the more difficult Israeli-Transjordan problems are worked out.

Israelis and Egyptians ended their war last night when both sides joked and fraternised at a champagne party celebration in the Yellow Room. Jews, Egyptians, correspondents and members of Dr. Bunche's staff mingled together and chatted as if they were on holiday and as if no war ever existed between them.

In one corner sat Egypt's chief of staff, Colonel Self Ed Din and the Israeli commander, Colonel Yigdal Yadin, discussing various points in their war in the Negev as if it had been a football game.

Pretty Irene Broza, secretary of the Israeli Foreign Minister, was the central figure in a small group that included Egyptian colonels, American Marines and British cavalry men.

Dr. Bunche, American negro, who alone more than any other since person is considered responsible for the successful conclusion of the armistice, moved from one group to another as if he hardly was able to believe his eyes.

When some one commented that the armistice succeeded in extracting the maximum concessions from both sides, he replied: "I know it. I am just as surprised as anyone."—United Press.

Fog Shrouds Hong Kong

The harbour resounded with the blasts of fog-horns throughout most of yesterday as craft groped their way through the fog enveloping the Colony.

Early harbour crossers could hardly see the island as they crossed over from Kowloon.

Hazy shapes loomed ahead as the ferry launches approached, betraying the presence of ships lying in mid-stream.

Eight ships are still reported to be delayed outside the harbour by fog. They include the Saigona, Spinali, Rijnker, Tsinan, Heli-kon, Empire Farrar, Cyclops and Hal Yang.

Visibility off Waglan was said to be within 100 yards.

THE WEATHER

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) the anti-cyclone is moving into the Pacific to the East of Japan. Pressure is moderately high over N. China. A depression, which developed over the lower Yangtze is now centred to the NE of Shanghai, moving NE. Deepening from it, a trough extends across S. China to an area of low pressure over Yunnan and Indo-China.

Today's Forecast:—Light Easterly winds probably lessening from NE later. Cloudy and mild, from morning fog. Some rain or drizzle.

Yesterday's Weather:—Maximum: 70.7 deg. Fah. Minimum: 61.3 deg. Fah. Rainfall: 1.4 in.

Baro. at sea level: 1015.5 1011.3 mb. Equals: 29.99 29.86 inches. Dew Point: 64 67 deg. F. Wind Direction: NE Wind Force: 14 18 knots. Tides: High 10.05 10.05 Low 2.07 2.07

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Free Gold, Silver Mart Authorised As Govt Releases Fiscal Reforms

Canton, February 24.

The Finance Minister, Mr. Hsu Kan, today announced new financial and economic reforms authorising a free market in gold and silver, budgetary reforms and a revised tax system.

The measures will be effective as soon as they are promulgated by Acting President Li Tsung-jen.

The new measures are:

1. To permit a free market in gold and silver, with sales of bullion by the Central Bank whenever necessary to stabilise the market. The circulation and minting by the Government of silver dollars will be permitted, although the circulation of foreign currencies still will be banned.

2. A system of foreign exchange certificates will be established, in which the certificates will be freely transferable from one importer to another. They will be in Gold Yuan denominations, although the value in terms of foreign currency will be revised from time to time in accordance with announcements from the Central Bank.

The Government will also issue a Customs Yuan worth U.S.\$0.40 which may be used for the payment of duties, but not for general circulation.

3. New fiscal measures, in which the National Budget will be estimated in terms of silver dollars, commodities and foreign exchange. The tax system will be revised to permit the payment in kind of commodity taxes. Provincial and local governments will be permitted to retain a larger share of tax-revenues in order to lessen the subsidy paid by the National Government.

The basic currency will still be the Gold Yuan, but the Government hopes to stabilise the value through sales of gold and silver. Realistic prices will be fixed for foreign exchange certificates in order to encourage imports and exports, but present quotas and prohibitions against certain commodities will remain in force.

The Customs Yuan may not be bought for Gold Yuan, but must be paid for in gold, silver, foreign exchange or foreign exchange certificates issued through the Central Bank.

The amount of foreign currency which may be brought into China is raised from the equivalent of U.S.\$100 to the equivalent of U.S.\$500. In addition, two ounces of gold in the form of ornaments or 20 ounces of silver in the form of ornaments may be brought in—United Press.

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Mauritius Chinese Gets Gaol Term For Robbery

A sentence of two and half years' hard labour and nine strokes of the cane was meted out to Cheung San-sang, 17-year-old unemployed, by Mr. Justice Williams (Puisne Judge) at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, when a jury of five men and two women returned a verdict of guilty.

Also found guilty at the same trial was a young lad of about 16 years, who together with Cheung was charged with having committed robbery with violence.

Seven Years For Armed Robbery

Found guilty on charges of armed robbery and causing malicious injury, Yau Kam, alias Lui Shueung, was sentenced to seven years' hard labour and 10 strokes by Mr. Justice Williams (Puisne Judge) at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

Lui Wah-kiu, the accused's 18-year-old sister, who was similarly charged together with him, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment. On the charge of armed robbery, however, she was found not guilty.

Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, conducted the case for the prosecution, assisted by Detective Inspector R.F.G. White.

The offences were committed near the Chinese frontier on December 6, when a Chinese Revenue Officer, Yeung Leung, was attacked and robbed of his 38 revolver.

After Yau Kam had been found guilty by the jury, Mr. Hooton said that accused had been sentenced to three years' hard labour on August 18, 1940 and recommended for banishment when found guilty on a charge of possession of arms and ammunition. Yau was banished for life on October 5, 1940.

Lui Wah-kiu protested innocence and burst into tears when the sentence was passed on her.

Three gold bars, weighing 2.4 taels, and 19 one-tael coins with a total weight of six taels, were ordered by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday to be confiscated.

The tala coins, explained Revenue Inspector D. H. Knox, are, in reality, Indian bullion as these coins are not legal currency in India. They are made of pure gold.

The gold belonged to Lung Tze-jun, 36-year-old married woman, who arrived by CNAC plane with her three children on February 23. At the airport, she was asked by Female Revenue Officer 93 whether she had anything to declare, and produced nine coins and two bars from her dress pocket.

On being searched, another gold bar was found in her hand bag. One of her two daughters, Lung Jung-tau, was also searched and found to have 10 coins in her purse. The total value of the gold found was \$2,520.

Three-Way Dispute At Kowloon

A disorderly conduct case before Mr. A. D. Scholes at Kowloon yesterday, brought up a three-way dispute.

The Police were the complainants against J.R. Baleros, a Portuguese aged 30, and Tsang Jor-ming, aged 27, for disorderly conduct on a bus.

The two defendants disputed as to who first began the incident. Tsang was defended by Mr. P.L. Lam; Baleros conducted his own case.

The incident occurred on February 12 in bus when Tsang brushed against Baleros who was holding a cigarette.

Baleros said that he instinctively pushed Tsang away as the cigarette burnt his fingers. This resulted in argument and a fight was the climax. In court both defendants sought to show that the other struck first.

In summing up, Mr. A.D. Scholes said that both defendants had admitted to the charge of fighting, and have therefore broken public peace. In court both defendants were fined \$40 each. Inspector J. Orem represented the Police.

R.J. MacKenzie, of 71 MacDonnell Road, was fined \$15 by Mr. W.C. Hung and Mrs. Tsang Tso Lai-ki at Central yesterday for leaving his car No. 1804 unattended at Queen's Road Central near Wellington Street on December 12.

Chung, a husky and stockily-built youth claiming to be from Mauritius, took the sentence with a set expression. The second accused, baby-faced and delicate looking, began to sob when the court sentenced him to two years in the reformatory and six strokes of the cane.

The second accused's mother, standing nearby, also burst into tears, and was told by Mr. Justice Williams that her son would not be sent to prison, but to a reformatory where he would be taught useful things.

School Chuns

According to the Prosecution, the first accused and the complainant, Tsang Gon, who had been schoolmates, made an appointment between themselves on October 18 last year. The meeting was to take place on the evening of October 20.

Tsang was working at the Nam Kok Bookstore at 579 Nathan Road. As arranged, the two met on that day and went for a meal and had second accused join them.

The three then took a bus which brought them to the junction of Customs Pass Road and Clear Water Bay Road. There they got off. Cheung was then alleged to have put his arms round Tsang's neck and held him, while the second accused, who was alleged to be behind complainant and removed HK\$120 from his hip pocket.

Tsang eventually managed to break away. While he was running away, the second accused is alleged to have thrown stones at him, one of which struck him just below his left ear and inflicted a wound.

Cheung in his own defence in the witness stand denied having taken any money from complainant. He stated that after getting off from the bus, they had a walk followed by an argument. The complainant wanted to put up a fight. Tsang was finally pursued by him and his companion. Accused admitted throwing some stones at Tsang while he was running away.

Crown Counsel, Mr. A. Hooton, conducted the prosecution assisted by Detective Inspector D.H. Davies. Both accused were not legally represented.

Prisoner Lucky, Judge Says

Remarking to the prisoner that he was very lucky, Mr. Justice Reynolds (Additional Judge) discharged Lo Chun-fuk, 20-year-old rattle worker, after he had been acquitted by a jury of four men and three women at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

As he thanked the jury, Mr. Reynolds also voiced the opinion that the verdict did not, however, agree with him.

Lo had been charged with wounding his employer, Chong Woon-lun, with intent to cause bodily harm. The offence was alleged to have been committed on October 13 last year at 135, Kiu Kiang Street, Shamshuipo, where the complainant is engaged in rubber manufacturing business.

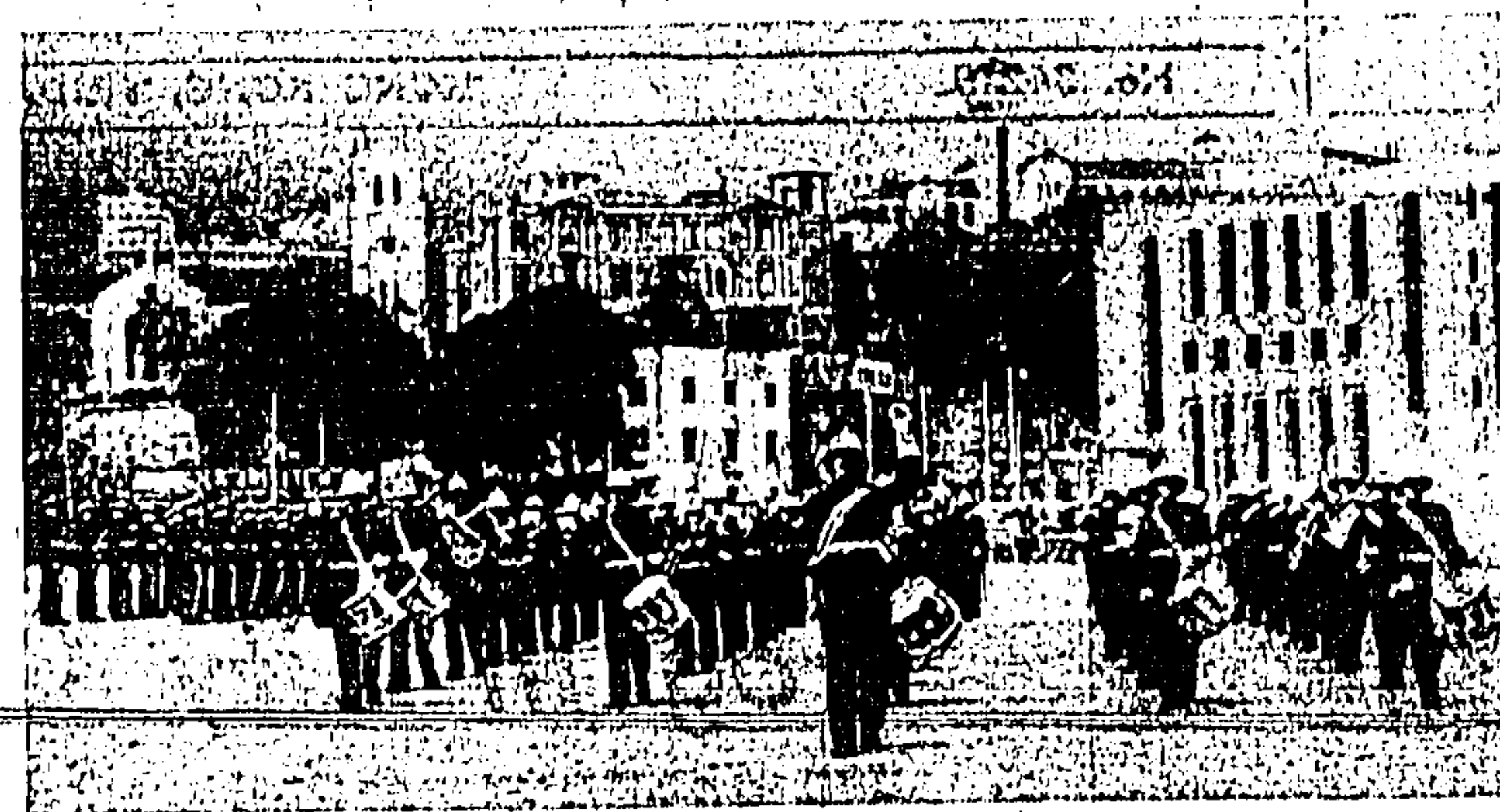
According to the prosecution, Lo attacked Chong early in the morning with a chopper while all were asleep and wounded him in the chin. At his cry of alarm, which roused the other occupants, the accused was alleged to have jumped over the verandah into the street, where he was eventually found unconscious. Beside him were an electric torch and a chopper.

Charged With Larceny

A small wax doll on a stick formed the only exhibit when Ngai Kwai-chung, aged 17, was charged with larceny before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans said that the doll was one of many which formed the stock-in-trade of a hawker who was arrested by PC 701 during a hawkers raid in Nga Tsin Wan Road on the morning of February 23.

As the hawker was being led away by the police van, a number of boys, including defendant, rushed to the stall and snatched the toys away. They all ran off, with the exception of Ngai, who was caught by PC 701. Defendant was ordered to receive 12 strokes of the cane.



A large crowd at the Hong Kong Cricket Club Ground, watched the ceremony of Beating the Retreat by the Marine Band of HMS London, yesterday afternoon. Two units of 24 marines each from the two cruisers in port, took part in the ceremony.

Hard Labour Sentence For Thief

A thief who specialised in climbing over back walls and opening rear doors of ground floor flats was sentenced to two years and six months' hard labour by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Lo Ching, aged 27, was stated by Sub-Inspector J.H. Evans to have climbed over a back wall at 23 Kilung Street, ground floor, at 2.30 a.m. on New Year's Day.

Getting into the back yard, Lo and another man made a hole in the back door and opened it by drawing the bolt. They then stole a radio set, a wristwatch, two fountain-pens, a pair of shoes, and 12 pieces of clothing from Tian Tung and Chau Tung, the occupants of the ground floor.

The burglars left by the back yard door, and nothing was heard about them until 8.30 p.m. on February 17, when Lo was arrested by Detective-constable 520 on Mong Kok Road near Shanghai Street.

At the Mong Kok Police Station, Lo was found to be in possession of a pair of shoes, two fountain-pens and a sweater.

Society Member

During inquiries, it was learned that defendant was a member of the Wo On Lok Society. On being questioned, he admitted having been a member of more than two years.

Detective Sub-Inspector Fung also discovered that defendant was responsible for a burglary at 576 Reclamation Street, ground floor, at 2.30 a.m. on February 9. On that occasion, accused also climbed over the back wall. He then removed a pane of glass from the back window and, inserting his hand through the hole, took a pair of trousers and a pullover belonging to Kong Yan. This crime, said SI Evans, was not reported to the police.

The total value of the property stolen from two addresses was \$109, of which only \$40 worth has been recovered.

RAW OPIUM CONFISCATED

Among his possessions when he arrived at the Kowloon Canton Railway Station on Wednesday, Lam Kwai, aged 33, had eight tins of raw opium.

On a charge of possessing raw opium, the defendant was fined \$2,000 or six months' imprisonment by Mr. A. D. Scholes at Kowloon yesterday.

Revenue Inspector Douglas Knox was in charge of the case for the Import and Export Office by which the opium will be confiscated for destruction.

Gang Of Youths Gets Prison For Pilfering

The systematic pilfering of small huts in the Kowloon City area by a gang of three youths was put to a sudden stop through the vigilance of Police-constable 1794, it was revealed in Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr's court at Kowloon yesterday.

Before the court were Chau Kan-cheong, aged 21, Chau Chat and Chau Ming-kong, both aged 18, charged on four counts of larceny between February 20 and 22. The first and third accused had an additional charge of larceny on February 19.

The first two Chaus were sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended for banishment. Chau Ming-kong was also given six months' hard labour and ordered to be deported for life.

Detective Sub-Inspector D.H. Taylor said that at 3.30 p.m. on duty on Chatham Road when he saw the three youths approaching from the direction of Kowloon City.

Being suspicious of the leather satchels they were carrying, he decided to stop and search them. When the satchels were opened, it was found to contain 30 pieces of clothing which the accused admitted having stolen from an unnumbered hut somewhere in Kowloon City the same day.

At the police station they were searched and a number of pawn tickets relating to clothing were found on them. Questioned, they said that the clothes were stolen from unnumbered huts on Tam Kung Road, So Ok Village, Lai Chi Yuen Village, and other places in Kowloon City. The total value was \$155.

Beating Of Retreat At Cricket Ground

Policeman Sentenced For Assault

Convicted on the charge of assaulting and unlawfully detaining Sun Yuen on January 13, PC 1021 Leung Kwok-lai, aged 20, attached to Shamshuipo Police Station, was fined \$750, or four months' hard labour, by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

On the application of Mr. C. A. Sutherland, Barrister, the alternative sentence, was made to date from defendant's arrest on January 13. According to the prosecution, conducted by Detective Sub-Inspector A. Leslie, defendant went into the hut of Sun Yuen, at Sai Yee Street about 9 p.m. on the day in question, and emerged about 10 minutes later with Sun handcuffed on the left wrist.

Sun, who has since disappeared, was brought along Sai Yee Street to Mong Kok Road. About half an hour later, Sun returned to the hut, alone, with his left wrist still handcuffed. The other ring of the handcuffs was dangling down on the chain.

Charge Denied

Defendant, in evidence, denied the charge and said that he had never been in Sun's hut that night. The reason why Crown witnesses testified against him, and identified him at a parade held on January 14, was that they thought he was responsible for an opium divan raid at Sun's hut some time ago.

Accused added that he had personally warned Sun and Ho Tang-po, the master of the Mei Sing, at 108 Tung Choi Street, that he would not tolerate opium smoking in the huts opposite his house.

In reply to DSI Leslie, defendant said that the reason why he did not report the fact that he admitted being an opium divan keeper was that he did not have sufficient evidence. He could tell me that he was a murderer," said accused.

DSI Leslie revealed that defendant joined the police on July 2, 1940, and was commended in March last year for the arrest of a lorry thief at Shantaokok. He was also rewarded in September last for the arrest of an illicit still operator.

Boy Convicted For Stealing Police Jacket

A seventeen-year-old boy was convicted at Kowloon yesterday for stealing a police officer's jacket at King's Park on January 9 while the owner was engaged in a game of hockey on the Navy ground.

The case came before Mr. A.D. Scholes in which the prosecution was conducted by Inspector J. Orem. The defendant was Leung Wing.

Inspector Charles Blackburn testified that he left a great coat and a leather jacket in his car before proceeding with his game. When he returned to the car, he found the rear left window removed and his coat and jacket gone.

Police enquiries resulted in the arrest of the defendant who had been previously convicted on two charges last year.

Fingerprints on the glass window were found by Sub-Inspector A. Morrison, of the CID, and fingerprint expert, to belong to Leung.

Defendant had brought the police to a pawnshop where the leather jacket was found. The boy was sentenced to two years' hard labour and to be deported for life.

On a second charge of breach of deportation order, the boy was cautioned and discharged.

SENTENCED TO THREE MONTHS

A sentence of three months' imprisonment with hard labour plus recommendation for deportation was imposed on Li Man, 23, for selling indecent publications on February 22, at Des Voeux Road Central by Mr. F.X. d'Almada yesterday.

Inspector Bryon said that defendant had engaged three small boys to sell objectionable books outside the Wing On Company.

Two of the boys were selling while the third worked as lookout. Defendant promised to pay them each two dollars.

EUROPEAN FINED \$10

A European, Johannes Cornelis Van Hartsogel, was fined \$10 by Mr. A. D. Scholes at Kowloon yesterday, for driving a motor cycle without valid license.

Defendant was involved in an accident with a pedestrian at Waterloo Road on February 22. But it was stated in court Van Hartsogel was not in the wrong.

Enquiries from the accident revealed, however, that defendant possessed a test form only in addition to a Dutch driving license.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited, held yesterday, it was decided to pay a dividend for the year 1939 of \$3 a share, free of tax.

FISHING JUNK BLOWS UP

A fishing junk said to be carrying explosives blew up yesterday, killing six of its occupants and injuring four persons, as she was lying alongside the Aberdeen Ferry.

Praya, cause of the sudden explosion is still undetermined.

The dead included the master's wife, a folk and four grandchildren. One of the injured was a pedestrian who had one of his hands blown off. The rest include the 51-year-old master, Chan Fat-kee, his son and daughter-in-law.

The bodies of the victims were recovered from the water shortly after the blow up.

The junk was seriously damaged.

A fisherman was hit on the left thigh by a stray bullet from the junk at the district near the border yesterday.

It was discovered later that there was a gun duel between the Customs officers and a gang of smugglers near the spot.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-seventh Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Monday, the 28th day of February, 1949, at Noon, to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.
2. To sanction a Dividend in respect of the year 1948.
3. To elect two Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from the 14th February, 1949, to the 28th February, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

G. B. S. THOMSON,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 1, 1949.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixtieth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on Friday, 25th February, 1949, at 12 noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with the Statement of Accounts for the period ended 31st October, 1948, and to elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 15th February, 1949, to Friday, 25th February, 1949, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, LIMITED,
General Managers.

Hong Kong, Feb. 7, 1949.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 5th day of March, 1949, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1948, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Friday, the 18th day of February to Saturday the 5th day of March, 1949 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
A. MORSE,
Chief Manager.

THE HONG KONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.

Notice To Shareholders

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Second Floor, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong) on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd day of March, 1949, at 12 Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948, and to re-elect a Director and appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 7th March, 1949, to the 23rd March, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. SOMMERFELT,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, Feb. 24, 1949.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

The Seventy-sixth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Undersigned on Friday, the 18th March, 1949, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 4th March to the 18th March, 1949, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Managers.
The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hong Kong, Feb. 25, 1949.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company, Limited, Hongkong, on Tuesday, 22nd day of March, 1949, at 12 o'clock Noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

AND, NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the Register of Members of the Company will be closed from the 8th to the 22nd day of March, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. H. PATERSON,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, Feb. 22, 1949.

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NOTICE

IN THE MATTER of the Companies (Reconstruction of Records) Ordinance, 1947,

and
IN THE MATTER of Kwong Tai Company, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the abovenamed company has lost its Memorandum of Association and that it is proposed to adopt a new Memorandum of Association.

A copy of the proposed new Memorandum of Association may be inspected at the office of the Company at No. 20 Western Street, 1st Floor, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, or at the office of Messrs. C. Y. Kwan & Co. of No. 4A, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, aforesaid, the solicitors for the Company, at any time during office hours.

Any person who objects to such proposed new Memorandum of Association should state briefly in writing the nature of the objections to such proposed new Memorandum of Association and should file the same with the Registrar of Companies, Supreme Court, Hong Kong, with the address for service within the Colony of the person objecting thereto not later than March 30, 1949.

Dated: February 18, 1949.

C. Y. KWAN & CO.,
Solicitors for the
Kwong Tai Company,
Limited.

HONG KONG SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Reminder

The Extraordinary General Meeting will take place at the Green Room, Peninsula Hotel, on Monday, February 28, at 6 p.m.

A. E. RIBEIRO,
Hon. Secretary.

HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong Automobile Association will be held in the Hong Kong Hotel, Roof Garden on THURSDAY, March 3rd, at 5.30 p.m.

All Members are particularly urged to attend.

By Order,

PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL & CO.,
Secretaries & Treasurers.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Messrs. David Sassoon & Co., Ltd. now represent Messrs. KINO & SONS, LTD. of London, as their Sole Agents, for the sale of polished & industrial diamonds in the Far East.

Signed H. D. Benham,
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CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



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BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

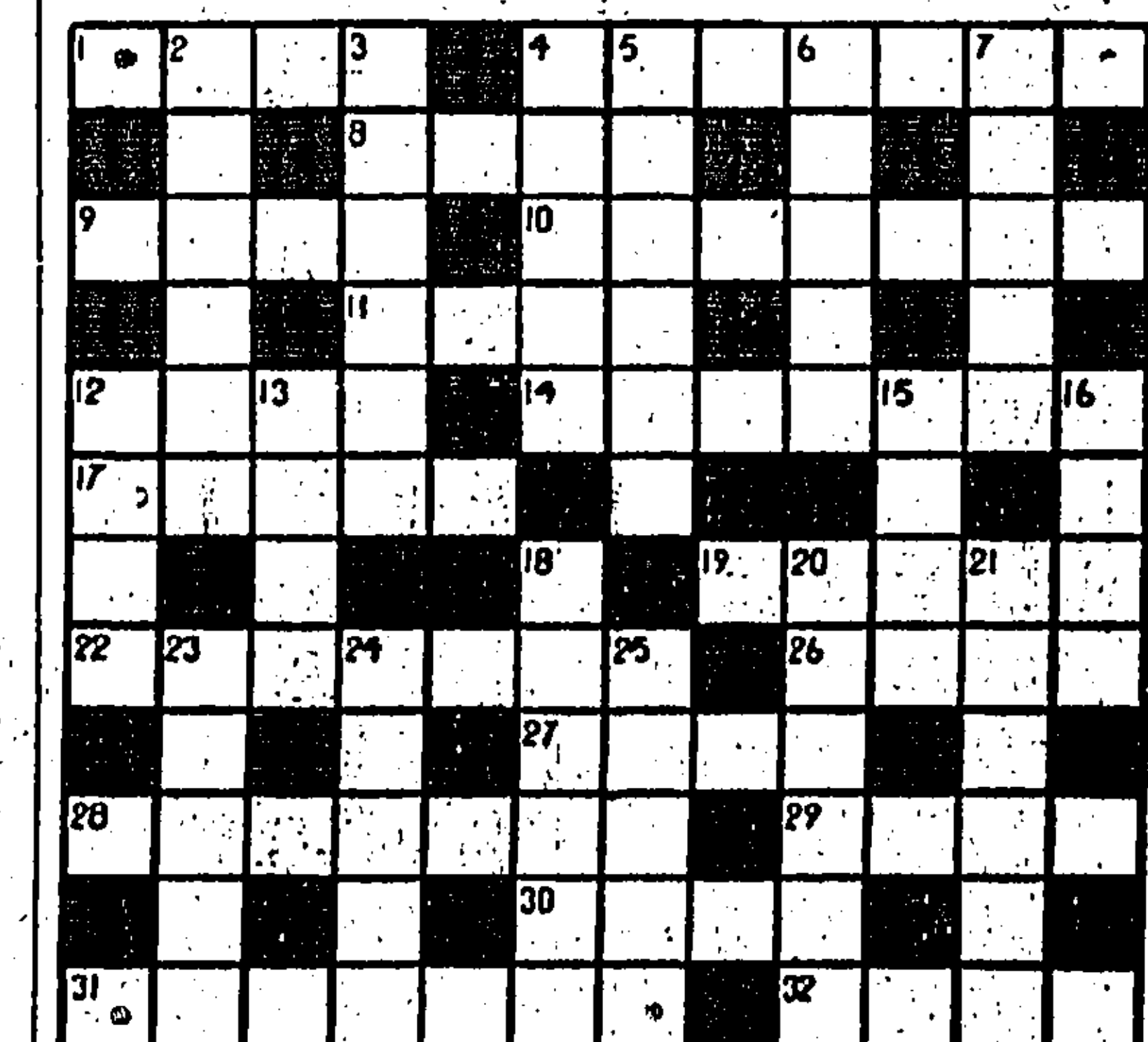
By Shepard Barclay
"The Authority on Authorities"

WHO HAS THE LENGTH? IN A QUESTION of finesse again, one defender or the other, when able to essay either direction, your problem is often reduced to a simple fundamental. It is the matter of which defender is more likely to have length in the crucial suit. Part of the answer is indicated if one opponent has shown length in other suits than the one under consideration.

South gave himself a ready answer. He had learned from a book that, if you have the three top honours, you should take the first trick in the hand which has two of the three. So he led the heart 5 to the A. When East discarded a diamond on that, he realised he was sunk. There was now no way to shut out the heart. In this situation, South's only risk of losing a heart rested in the chance that all four missing trumps were in one hand. East's single-handed bidding of two suits to the level of four had made it virtually certain East had eleven cards in them, so he could not possibly hold four hearts. But West might. So South should have taken the first heart with the single honour, in his own hand. When East showed out, the finesse against West would have been marked. If South had followed trump success by playing clubs also to protect himself against West, he would have made his contract. Any book that recommends formulating never to be varied in the light of special evidence is a pretty sorry publication.

Your Week-End Question
What are the two entirely different questions which should receive affirmative answers before it is sound to bid a slam?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

1. Smart.
4. Plunder.
5. Top.
9. Stupid.
10. Acquires temporarily.
11. Wreck.
12. Microbe.
14. Agitated.
17. Get up.
19. Royal.
22. Military unit.
23. Fond dweller.
27. Ventiles.
28. Forgive.
29. Part of the eye.
30. Obstruct.
31. Closely packed.
32. Close.

Down

2. Siren.
3. Ascend.
4. Violent.
5. Handsome youth.
6. Support.
7. Shrink.
8. down.
13. Raiment.
15. Fissure.
16. Press.
17. Zone.
18. Jump about.
20. Flag.
21. Canvas protection.
22. Solitary.
23. Royal line.
25. Give, in.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS: 1. Method, 2. Sauce, 3. Minion, 4. Lentil, 5. Music, 6. Tamil, 7. Swag, 8. Ledge, 9. Rebutal, 10. Leader, 11. Steam, 12. Sprat, 13. Vista, 14. Tow.

DOWN: 1. Molasses, 2. Ten, 3. Omit, 4. Dilated, 5. Stimulant, 6. Amulet, 7. Cling, 8. Deposing, 9. Enlarged, 10. Rampart, 11. Berated, 12. Easter, 13. Trial, 14. To-do, 15. Iniquity.

MEMORIES



As natural and pleasant a pair of parents as one could wish to have are Philip Dorn and Irene Dunne, stars of "I Remember Mama."

WE WILL ALL REMEMBER MAMA

A wonderfully human story, delightfully sympathetic acting and more than a touch of genius in the direction make "I Remember Mama" a rare treat for the cinema public.

Hilarious in parts, tragic in others, the story remains at all times on a warm, personal level which makes one feel a part of happenings to the Norwegian-American family living in San Francisco.

The King's theatre will be showing "I Remember Mama" from Thursday of the coming week. It was made by RKO Radio.

In the first scene the audience is introduced to the Hanson family in the process of their weekly Saturday-night settling up of their financial business. Papa (Philip Dorn), has brought home his wages—he is a carpenter—and Mama (Irene Dunne) is portioning out the dollars according to her list of accounts owing.

All the family is present. Nels (Steve Brown), the eldest, Karin (Barbara Bel Geddes), eldest daughter, and the two younger daughters, Christine (Peggy McIntyre) and Dagmar (June Medlin).

At the conclusion of the accounting Papa asks, "Is all?" Mama replies, "Ja, is good. We will not have to go to the bank." In that reply lies one of the chief points of the story. Mama has spared her children worry by inventing a bank account in town.

All the parts are played with such complete naturalness and skill that it is difficult to praise one more than the other. Irene Dunne is, of course, outstanding, but more because of the size of her part than through any weakness in any of the others.

In the supporting cast Oscar Homolka is brilliant as the belligerent but warm-hearted Uncle Chris. His death scene is something to be remembered.

Edgar Bergen (minus Charlie McCarthy) shows that he is well able to stand on his own. He is the baneful underliner who marries one of the Hanson's aunts, Trina, played beautifully by Ellen Corby.

Hope Landin and Edith Evanson score as the other two aunts and Rudy Vallee is more than competent as the bearded Dr. Johnson.

THE PREVAILING WIND IS FROM THE SOUTH

Old soldiers and "Gone With The Wind" appear to have a fair deal in common. Not only do they never die; they retain the distinctive stamp of their quality to the end. And, of course, they fade away.

This process is being re-tarded as far as possible in the case of the film by its makers Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. To this end a further exhibition of the wonder picture will be made next week at the Queen's and Alhambra.

Anyone seeing "Gone With The Wind" now for the first time can hardly fail to enjoy it. More to the film's credit, however, is the fact that it seems likely that people seeing it not for the first time will enjoy it just as much. All the dash, fire and magnificence is still capable of gripping one's imagination.

Another point is, too, that such is the length of the production that a second viewing is really necessary in order to absorb it in full.

A point of passing interest to those who make a desultory study of human oddity is the frequency of the abbreviation of the name of this mighty filmic offering to "GWTW".

Apart from the fact that it thus becomes distressingly similar to the call-sign of a radio station or the tag of a government department, it is patently inappropriate and unnecessary and obviously the product of some bird-brain's bumbling inadequacy.

Least there be anyone who has forgotten who the players are in this epic they are reminded that the names at the top of the list of 55 speaking parts are those of Clark Gable as Rhett Butler, Vivien Leigh as Scarlett O'Hara, Leslie Howard as Ashley Wilkes and Olivia de Havilland as Melanie Hamilton. They are assisted by some thousands of extras.

In addition to the above there is a convincing array of livestock taking part, including 1200 horses, 500 mules, 100 pigs, 100

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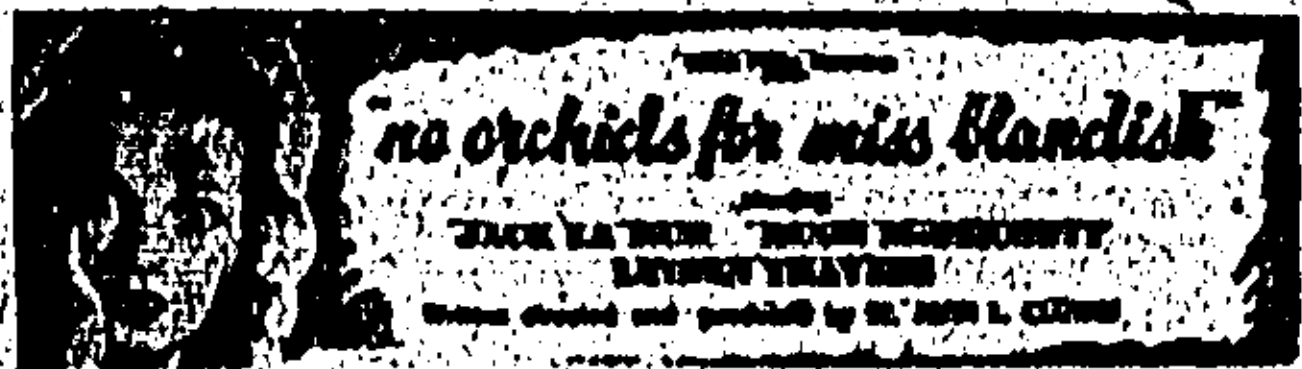


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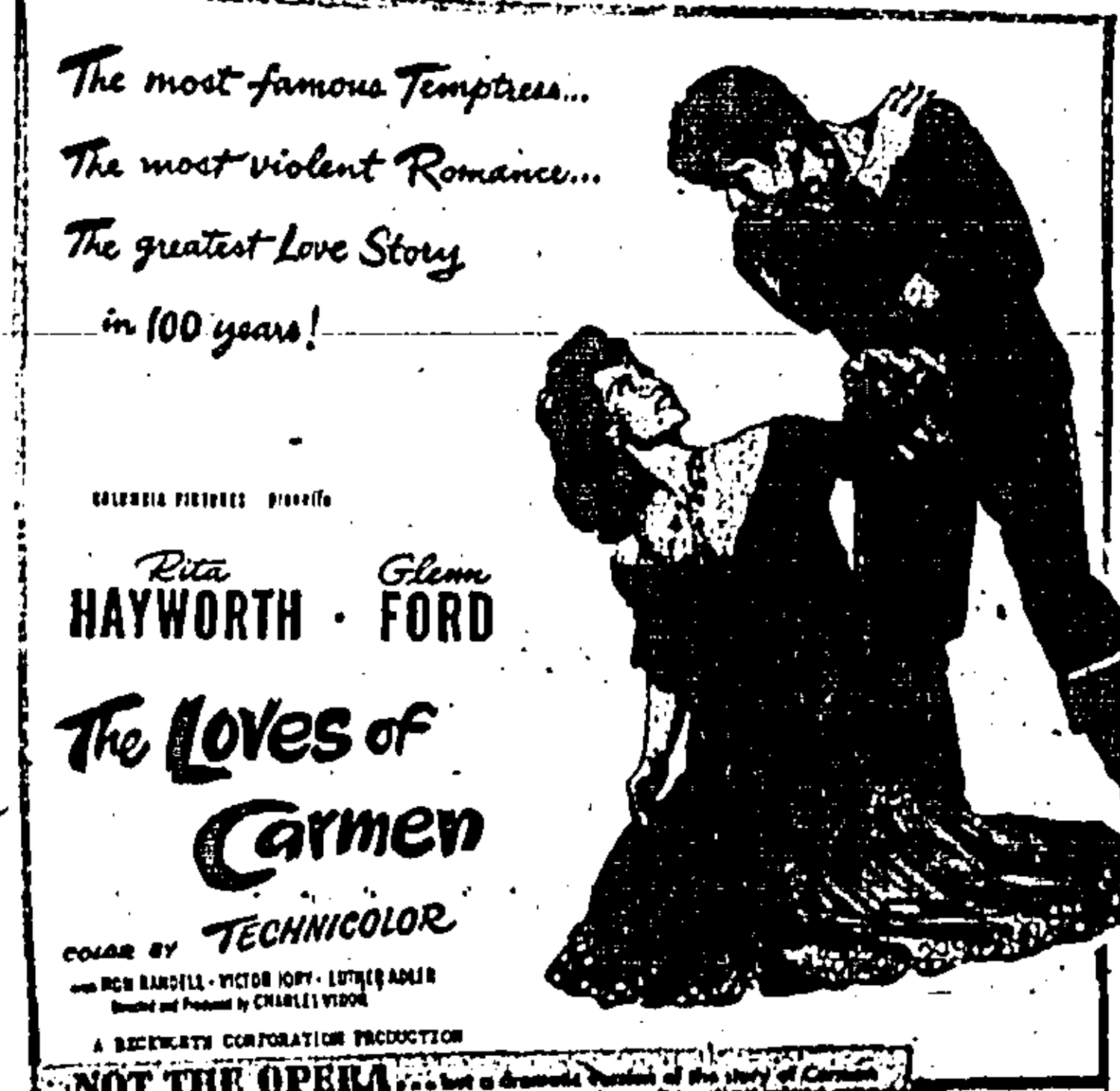
From March 9 filmgoers in the Colony will have another choice of cinema in the shape of the very modern and very attractive Roxy at Causeway Bay. The opening date was given to the "China Mail" yesterday by the proprietors of the new theatre.

With a total seating capacity of 1,740, complete air-conditioning and a stage built to accommodate five shows as well as a screen, the Roxy promises to be a valuable addition to the Colony's entertainment assets. The Roxy opens with the Betty Grable-Douglas Fairbanks Jr. feature "That Lady in Ermine."

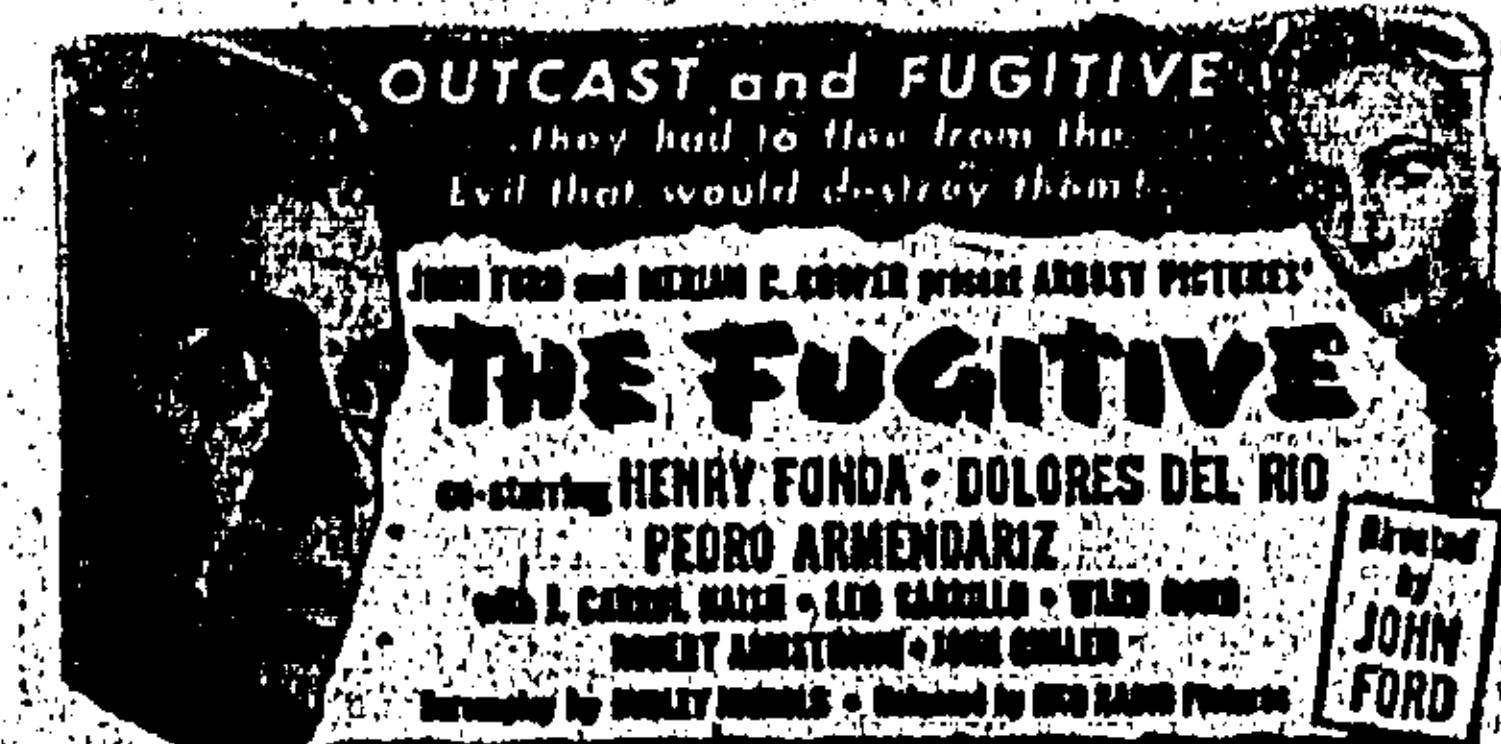


Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh in the memorable roles of Rhett Butler and Scarlett O'Hara in "Gone With The Wind." The film returns to the Queen's and Alhambra next week.

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Take an ocean liner; a pretty girl going on a cruise in place of another girl who wants to stay in town to keep an eye on her husband unknown to him; a detective, hired by that same husband, following the wrong pretty girl on the cruise; a lot of music and stacks of Technicolor.

The result should be another of Hollywood's painful efforts to be bright and cheery, turning out to be bright and dreary. But fear not, fellow-sufferers, this show is different. It is what it sets out to be—light and frothy and very funny.

The name of this surprise packet is "Romance On The High Seas," a Warner Brothers effort which will be available to the cash customers at both the Lee and the King's towards the latter part of the coming week.

Though both Don DeFore and Janis Paige are present in the cast, their parts are fairly slender.

The ingredients which give the show its zip are Jack Carson (the detective) and newcomer Doris Day (the substitute wife on the cruise).

Mr. Carson, of course, is no beginner at the art of being a funny man. At times in the

LUCKY MAN



Jack Carson displays coyness on receiving a little friendly lip-work from attractive new star Doris Day in "Romance On The High Seas."

past, though, there has been more ham than hum in his humour. This time, however, he strikes a balance which makes it very enjoyable for all concerned.

Miss Day is a lissome honey who need never fear going hungry while there are men in the world. She bears quite a striking resemblance to Ginger Rogers, a fact of which one suspects her studio of being well aware. She does not dance, however, which is a pity.

She does sing—very pleasantly indeed. Sensual is not the adjective customarily used to describe the tones of a light vocalist but it seems appropriate in this case.

For the rest, the film has plenty of action, maintained admirably by director Michael Curtiz; bright music varying from blues to calypso; superlative settings by Anton Grot; and, for those who like their humour from the side of the mouth, that extremely droll character Oscar Levant, who plays the piano and the fool with equal skill.

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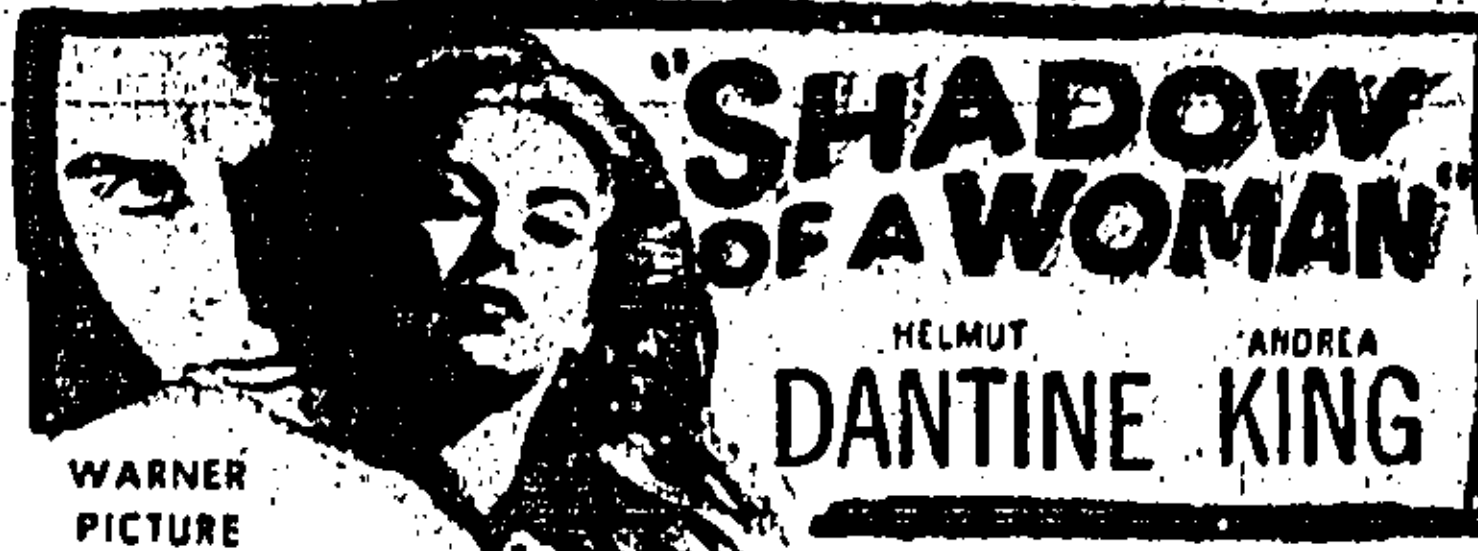
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CONVULSIONS IN FRANCE

By Winston Churchill

WE must now quit the field of military disaster for the convulsions in the French Cabinet and the personages who surrounded it at Bordeaux.

It is not easy to establish the exact sequence of events. The British War Cabinet sat almost continuously, and messages were sent off from time to time as decisions were taken. As they took two or three hours to transmit in cipher, and probably another

the enemy, nevertheless, preserved to the State its sovereign right to continue the struggle by all the means in its power.

Behaved Wrongly

This issue was fought out between the Premier and the Government and of the State, to which the army he commanded would dutifully conform. In so acting General Weygand, though a sincere and unselfish man, behaved wrongly. He asserted the right of

refused with indignation the suggestion of a military surrender. "He would never accept the casting of this shame upon the banners of the French Army." The Act of Surrender, which he deemed imperative, must be that of the Government and of the State, to which the army he commanded would dutifully conform. In so acting General Weygand, though a sincere and unselfish man, behaved wrongly. He asserted the right of

a soldier to dominate the duly-constituted Government of the Republic, and thus to bring the whole resistance not only of France but of her Empire to an end, contrary to the decision of his political and lawful Chief.

Apart from these formalities and talk about the honour of the French Army there stood a practical point. An armistice formally entered into by the French Government would mean the end of the war for France. By negotiation part of the country might be left unoccupied, and part of the Army free; whereas, if the war were continued from overseas, all who had not been captured by the Germans, and millions of Frenchmen would be carried off to Germany as prisoners of war without the protection of any agreement. This was a substantial argument, but it belonged to the Government of the Republic and not to the Commander-in-Chief of the Army to decide upon it.

CANTONESE BY RADIO

BY S.K. LEE

Lesson 25

Vocabulary:

136. (hoi) hoy¹137. (shaan) shaan¹

138. (moon) moon

139. (to) ,doh

140. (yup) ,yup

141. (ch'ut) choot¹ ("oot" as in "foot")

Combinations:

1. Moon hau²2. Hoy¹ moon.3. Shaan¹ moon.

4. ,Yup lai.

5. ,Yup hui².6. Choot¹ lai.7. Choot¹ hui².8. Choot¹ ,yup.

Conversation:

A. Been¹ gaw³ dah² ,moonB. ,Ngaw. M goy¹ ,mayhoy¹ ,moon lah¹.A. Seen¹ shaang² wun² been¹gaw³ ah²?B. Mun seen¹ shaang² hai²shue² mah²?A. Mun seen¹ shaang²choot¹ ,jau² hui².Tsing² ,yup lai tsaw,hah lah¹.B. ,Ngaw ,m duk¹ ,haan,tsaw lok².Kui faan¹ ,lai gaw² ,junshee².,m goy¹ ,may geeo³ ,kuiwun² ,ngaw lah¹.,Ngaw ,yau dee¹ ,yeh,tung ,kui gong².A. Hui² been¹ shue² wun²,yau ah²?B. Dai ,yee ,teeoo gaay¹,tsut¹ ,hoh.,Ngaw hui² lok².,M goy¹ ,may shaan¹,moon lah¹.A. Tsing² yum² booi¹ ,chaseen¹ lah¹.,M yum² lok² ,M goy¹lok².Tsing² tsing².A. Hoh² haang.

To open. To start. To begin.

To shut.

A door.

A degree. A unit.

Classifier for doors, windows, bridges.

To enter. In.

To issue. To exert. Out.

Doorway. Entrance.

To open the door.

To shut the door.

To come in.

To go in.

To come out.

To go out.

To go in and out.

Who is knocking at the door?

Whom do you want, sir?

Is Mr. Mun in?

Mr. Mun has gone out.

Please come in and take a seat.

I haven't time to sit down.

When he comes back.

Please tell him to pay me a visit.

I have something to talk to him about.

Where will he find you?

No. 7, the next street.

I'm going.

Please shut the door.

Please have a cup of tea first.

No. Thank you.

Good bye.

Sinister Figure

Weygand's position that because the army under his orders would in his opinion fight no more, the French Republic must give in and order its armed forces to obey an order which he was certainly willing to carry out, finds no foundation in the law and practice of civilised States or in the professional honour of a soldier. In theory at least the Prime Minister had his remedy. He could have replaced the Ministers whom Reynaud had so recently and so imprudently brought into the French Government and Council, and who were all resolved to stop the war. Behind these again loomed the sinister figure of Laval, who had installed himself at Bordeaux City Hall, surrounded by a clique of agitated Senators and Deputies. Laval's policy was the force and merit of simplicity. France must not only make peace with Germany, she must change sides; she must become the ally of the conqueror, and by her loyalty and services against the common foe across the Channel, save her interests and her provinces and finish up on the victorious side. Evidently M. Reynaud, exhausted by the ordeals through which he had passed, had lost the life or strength for so searching a personal ordeal, which would indeed have taxed the resources of an Oliver Cromwell or of a Clemenceau, or Stalin or of Hitler.

In the discussions on the afternoon of the 15th, at which the President of the Republic was present, Reynaud, having explained the situation to his colleagues, appealed to Marshal Petain to the Marshal's view. He could not have chosen a worse envoy. The Marshal left the room. There was an interval. After a while he returned with Weygand, whose position he now supported.

Slippery Slope

At this serious juncture M. Chautemps, an important Minister, said in an insidious proposal which wore the aspect of a compromise and was attractive to the wavering, he stated in the name of the Leftist elements of the Cabinet that Reynaud was right in affirming that an agreement with the enemy was impossible, but that it would be prudent to make a gesture which would unite France. They should ask the Germans what the



Pence delegate Professor Wu wasn't able to meet the Communist leaders in Hong Kong, but when he left, his face was of the right ideological colour.

"American Ties with the World." Let's hope they tone down those flaming sunsets a bit.

The former American club at Rainbow Corner in London has become a milk bar. There is no truth in the report that all the ladies who used to throng the pavements there have volunteered as milkmaids.

There is as yet nothing concrete as to why that sand cooler was kidnapped.

Mao to meet Shao. Hao, hao!

Monty on tour: There'll always be a Switzerland—providing the Swiss watches, of course.

Sovietmin!

Simple Simon seems to be after the "pie" man once again.

So those hotel telegrams to Nanking were, after all, only hui.

Lo, our Legislative Council hath spoken, and that yardstick the hotels kept talking about can be used to measure up the floor space.

Break a law and you get fined. But when the Jockey Club unwitting does so, the law gets re-defined.

The Defence Force now numbers more than 1,600. Well, at Balaclava a mere 600 made the world wonder.

Aly Khan soon...



conditions of armistice would be, remaining entirely free to reject them. It was not, of course, possible to embark on this slippery slope and stop. The mere announcement that the French Government were asking the Germans on what terms an armistice would be granted was sufficient in itself to destroy what remained of the morale of the French Army.

However, combined with the demonstration which they had witnessed from Petain and Weygand, the Chautemps suggestion had a deadly effect on the majority. It was agreed to ask His Majesty's Government how they would view such a step, informing them at the same time that in no circumstances would the surrender of

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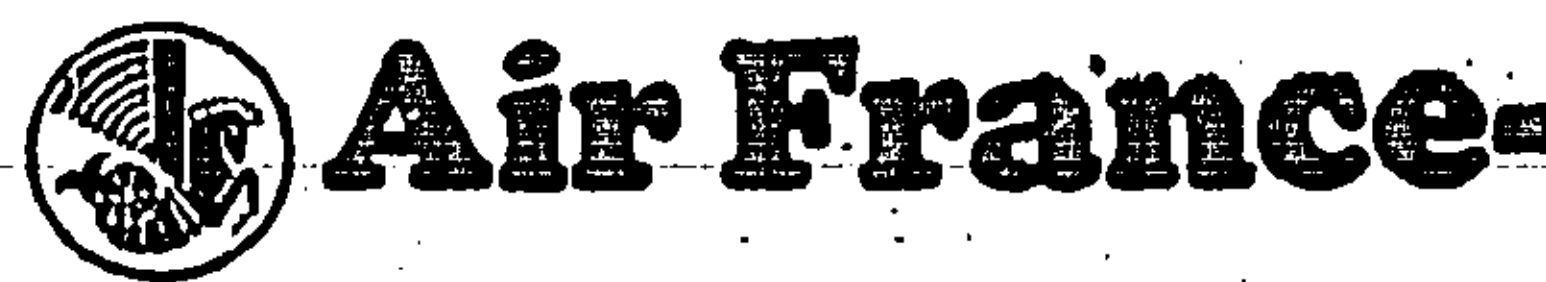
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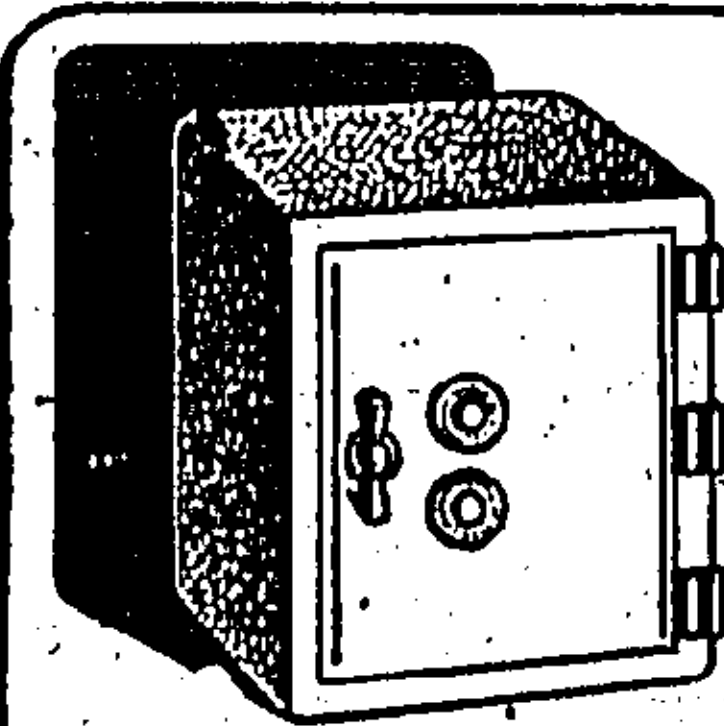
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MARRIAGE

AARON HARVEY—The wedding of Ellen Elizabeth Aaron to Edwin James Harvey will take place on Saturday, 20th February 1949, at St. Theresa's Church, Prince Edward Road, Kowloon, at 10 a.m. with Nuptial Mass. Reception will be held immediately afterwards at the Parochial Hall, St. Theresa's Church (side). No invitations have been issued but all friends are cordially invited.

PRINCIPLE AND PRACTICE

Probably a greater degree of honest individual opinion was voiced at the Legislative Council's discussion of the Hotels Ordinance Bill than is usually heard at meetings of that august body. The impact of public opinion had, however slightly, shaken members out of their usual take-it-or-leave-it attitude.

The distinguished figure of Mr. P. S. Cassidy, honourable and confirmed exponent of private enterprise, was in the forefront. His admission: "I ought to be standing here in a white sheet confessing that I have sinned against the light. I am all for freedom in business as in other walks of life.... Yet I find myself partly responsible for a bill which seeks to deprive the hotel owner of his right to charge what the business will bear."

He added that hotel owners might protest that the bill would drive them to ruin, but the facts were that "in many cases they have taken unfair advantage of those residents who have had no possibility of obtaining housing accommodation." Opposing the passage of the bill, Sir Man-kam Lo nevertheless granted the post-war principle of price control: "that a few cannot be allowed unduly to enrich themselves at the expense of the community by taking an unfair advantage of a shortage in the community.... The important question is what is the minimum price which would give the seller a reasonable return: not what is the minimum price which a buyer can afford."

Despite this speaker's opposition to some main passages in the new ordinance, that is the crux of the matter. No system of economy can be static and reactionary and expect to survive—least of all capitalism. Modern industrialists and leaders of commerce accept without thinking (in the Western world, if not here) restrictions, employment conditions and taxation that their fathers would explosively have refused even to consider. However much one may hate Government control of business, the fact remains that the ruin and shortages of the post-war world have inevitably resulted in controls which few if any private enterprises would ever have imposed on themselves. There is still much left to be desired in the current bill, but at least it is a step in the right direction.

Dakota Tragedy

Every time a serious accident occurs in Hong Kong, some over-zealous individual, armed with what he believes is complete authority, endeavours to banish the Press from the scene "until the authorities have completed their enquiries." This may take several days or even weeks, and presumably the newspapers are not to

WE must now quit the field of military disaster for the convulsions in the French Cabinet and the personages who surrounded it at Bordeaux.

It is not easy to establish the exact sequence of events. The British War Cabinet sat almost continuously, and messages were sent off from time to time as decisions were taken. As they took two or three hours to transmit in cipher, and probably another

hour to deliver, the telephone was freely used by the officials of the Foreign Office to convey the substance to our Ambassador; and he also used the telephone frequently in reply. Therefore there are overlaps and short-circuits which are confusing. Events were moving at such a speed on both sides of the Channel that it would be misleading to present the tale as if it were an orderly flow of argument and decision.

M. Reynaud reached the new seat of Government from Tours on the evening of June 14. He received the British Ambassador about 9 o'clock. Sir Ronald Campbell informed him that his Majesty's Government intended to insist on the terms of the Agreement of March 28, binding both parties not to make any terms with the enemy. He also offered to provide all the necessary shipping in the event of the French Government resolving to move to North Africa.

On the morning of the 15th Reynaud again received the Ambassador and told him that he had definitely decided to divide the Government in half, and to establish a centre of authority beyond the sea. Such a policy would obviously carry with it the removal of the French Fleet to ports beyond German power. Later that morning President Roosevelt's reply to Reynaud's appeal of June 13 was received. Material aid, if Congress approved, was offered; but there was no question of any American entry into the war. The Ministers having now all reached Bordeaux, the Council was summoned for the afternoon.

Lifelong Dislike

General Weygand had been for some days convinced that all further resistance was vain. He therefore wished to force the French Government to ask for an armistice while the French Army still retained enough discipline and strength to maintain internal order on the morrow of defeat. He had profound, lifelong dislike of the Parliamentary regime of the Third Republic. As an ardent religious Catholic, he saw in the ruin which had overwhelmed his country the chastisement of God for its abandonment of the Christian faith. He therefore used the power of his supreme military position far beyond the limits which his professional responsibilities, great as they were, justified or required. He confronted the Prime Minister with declarations that the French armies would fight no more, and that it was time to stop a horrible and useless massacre before general anarchy supervened.

Paul Reynaud, on the other hand, realised that the battle in France was over, but still hoped to carry on the war from Africa and the French Fleet. None of the eight other States overrun by Hitler had withdrawn from the war. Physically, in their own hands, they were gripped, but from overseas their Governments had kept the flag flying and the national cause alive. Reynaud wished to follow their example, and with much more solid resources. He sought a solution on the lines of the Dutch capitulation. This, while it left the Army, whose chiefs had refused to fight any longer, free to lay down its arms wherever it was in contact with

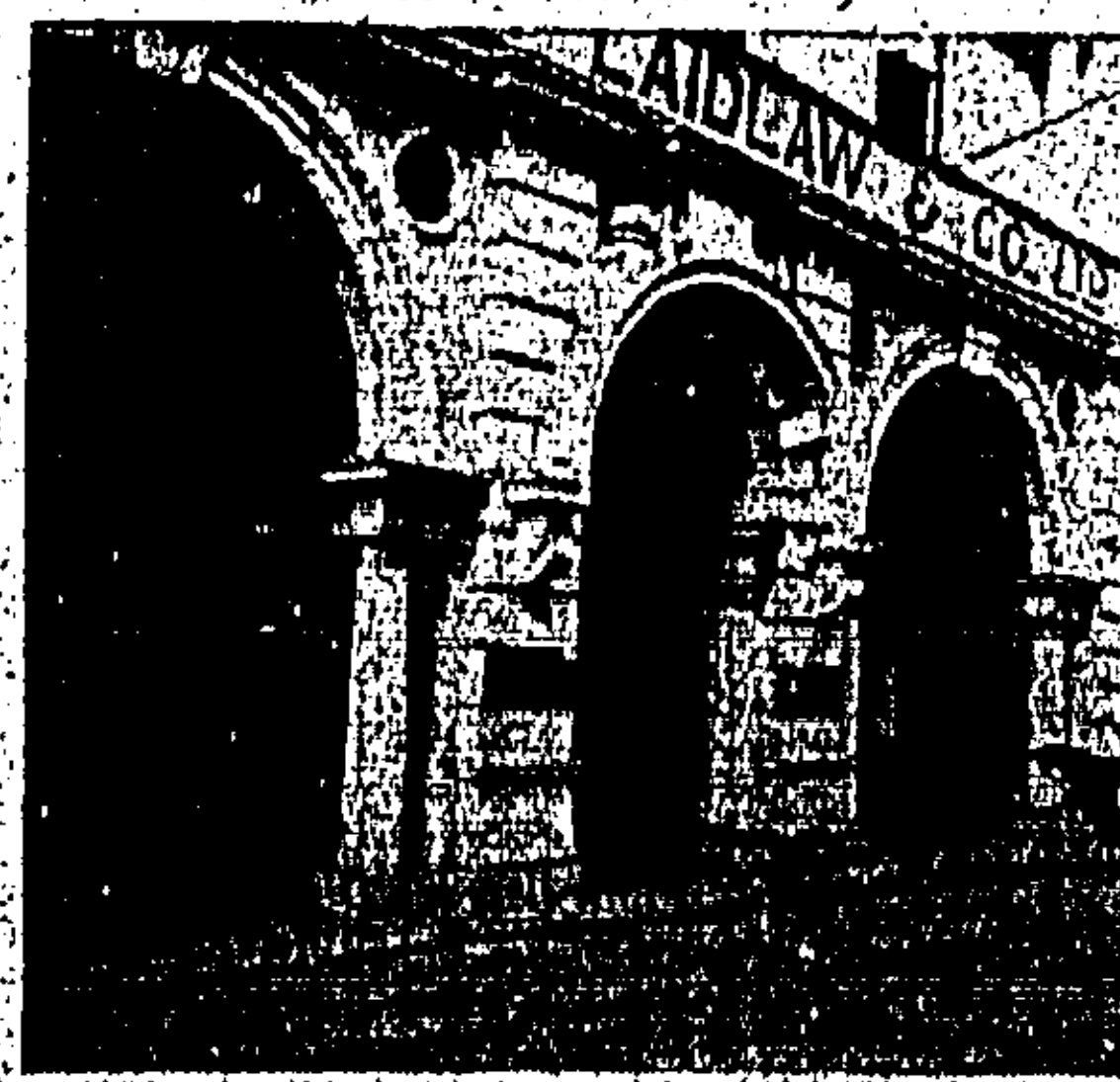
breathe a word about the tragedy until then, unless a brief statement is issued to them.

This occurred again yesterday when a Cathay Pacific Airways Dakota crashed on a hillside near Shaokwan. A police officer endeavoured to prevent reporters and photographers from approaching the site, and demanded that one camera be handed over to him.

The matter has been aired in these columns before, and this is to give fair warning once again, to all concerned that accredited employees of this newspaper will continue the practice of observing and recording all such matters in the public interest, until some emergency measure is passed in Legislative Council to prevent it.

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CAMPAIGN IN MALAYA

To Reinforce Strength Of Armed Forces

Lord Listowel, Minister of State for the Colonies, gave an assurance tonight that the total strength of the British forces in Malaya would not be reduced. Replying to a House of Lords debate on terrorist activities in Malaya, he said that he did not agree that the position there was worsening.

Red Army Fete Held In Berlin

Berlin, February 23. The Western Military Government in Germany were "unable to attend" to-day's Berlin celebration of the Red Army's 31st anniversary, marked through the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe by the traditional parades and demonstrations.

The top-ranking American, British and French Commanders have received invitations to a reception this evening at the residence of the Soviet Military Government, Marshal Sokolovsky. The three Western Military Governors will be represented by their deputies.

West Sector Berlin police riot squads stood by this morning near the Soviet Memorial, just inside the British Sector, ready to prevent possible incidents.

At 10.15 a.m. (local time) a column of 100 smartly dressed uniformed Soviet officers, all armed with revolvers, marched up to the Unter Den Linden, through the Brandenburg Gate on the sector boundary, to the big white War Memorial.

With them were 20 Russian women. The party laid near wreaths, broke ranks, and walked in small groups back to the Soviet Sector.

A British spokesman said the Russians had not told the British they would parade into their Sector today, but no protest would be made since it is an established custom for Soviet soldiers to parade at the Memorial.

Preparedness Urged

The Moscow Radio today broadcast an Order of the Day by Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, Soviet Armed Forces Minister, calling for a "high standard of military preparedness to be constantly maintained."

In an editorial on the anniversary, the Soviet Communist Party paper, Pravda, said that while the Soviet Union was successfully carrying out the post-war five-year plan, in the camp of the "imperialist instigators of a new war, we hear a demonstrative rattling of sabres."

A Warsaw report from Tass, official Soviet news agency, said that Marshal of the Soviet Union Konstantin Rokossovsky declared at a ceremonial meeting in the Polish capital that the "comradeship-in-arms of the Soviet and Polish armies, born of the second World War, will be as eternal as is the growing friendship of the Polish and Soviet peoples."

The meeting, which was attended by the Polish President, Premier and Cabinet Ministers, sent a message of greetings to Generalissimo Stalin and Marshal Bulganin.

Reuters.

London, February 23.

The High Commissioner considered that further military reinforcements were not at present required. He regarded the co-operation of the Chinese as the most important immediate step.

A British Government spokesman said that the security in Malaya was being considered very carefully with full realisation of its weight and importance to Malaya, he added.

Viscount Ellbank, Conservative, who opened the debate, said conditions in Malaya had deteriorated. One reason was undoubtedly the Communist advance in China. "There is little doubt that the success of the Communists in China will have its repercussions throughout the Far East."

"These repercussions Malaya is hardly likely to escape," he said. It was exceedingly fortunate that the Dutch had tackled their own problem in Indonesia with determination, since the proximity of Sumatra to the Malayan coast was a matter of constant danger.

Lord Ellbank suggested that armed patrol motor launches should be obtained to guard the West coast of Malaya from incursions by canoe or other means of terrorists and suspects from Sumatra. Each launch should be fitted with a small gun and a small searchlight and should have a well armed crew recruited, he suggested, from the Malayan police.

More Troops Needed

More troops were needed than were now available, he said. He was advised of the serious shortage of experienced police officers for the newly recruited police and special constabulary.

It was also alleged that many of the British sergeants sent out had proved to be very raw material, he said. He suggested much more should be done to make use of picked Malays and other local material to provide leadership for that constabulary.

"The Malays have behaved splendidly throughout, recognising it is their own fortune which is at stake," he added. "In spite of almost daily murders of Europeans, morale was wonderful but the strain fearful."

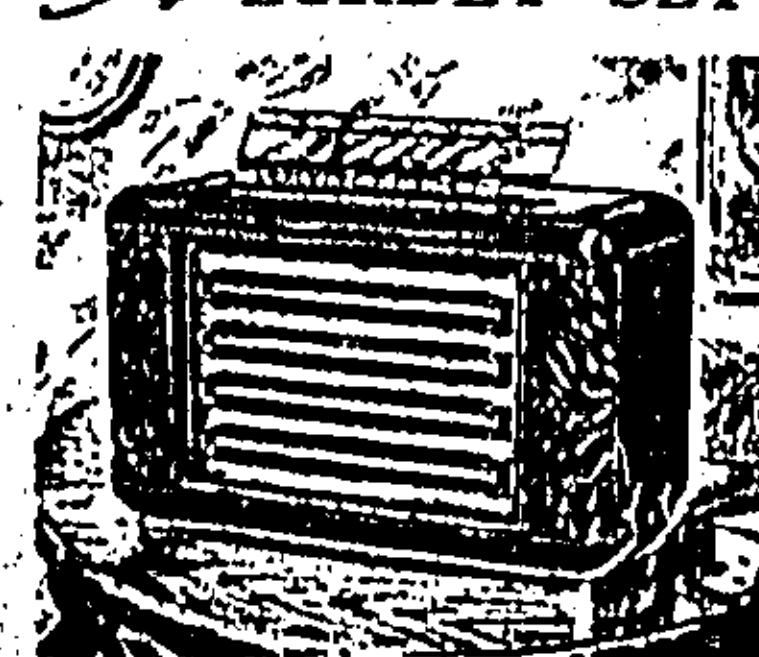
Urging the use of strong measures to deal with the situation, Lord Ellbank said: "Our whole position and prestige in the Far East are at stake."

Lord Mancroft, Conservative, said: "It is not clear what is happening in Malaya at present, except that we are not winning. He hoped the Minister would contrast the 'wildspread rumours' that the Brigade of Guards was to be brought back to Britain in April."

There was too much about administration in Malaya, he said. The police, instead of fighting the bandits, were checking up dog licences. "We are losing rubber at the rate of 10,000 tons a month at a loss of US\$4,000,000 a month," he said. "It is costing us £25,000 a day to fight this battle in Malaya," he added.

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Chinese Aid To Terrorists

London, February 23. Mr. Thomas Reid, Labour, asked in the House of Commons today what connection half a million Chinese squatters in Malaya had with the terrorist campaign there and what action had been taken against them.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, replied: "In certain areas alien Chinese, many of whom have illegally entered the country and have occupied land to which they have no title, have furnished recruits for the bandit forces, have acted as spies and sentries and provided them with supplies."

"Some of these squatters have already been resettled in areas where closer police control can be exercised. Others have been repatriated, or are under the process of repatriation, under the emergency regulations promulgated during November and January."

"A committee, appointed by the High Commissioner, has recently submitted constructive proposals for absorbing into the social and economic life of the country groups of squatters who are law-abiding and wish to make their homes in Malaya."

Reuters.

No Reduction

Lord Listowel, Minister of State for the Colonies, replied for the Government. About the future of the Guards Brigade, he said it was undesirable to divulge the disposition or movement of British troops, but could give an assurance that the total strength of the British forces in Malaya would not be reduced.

"The High Commissioner takes the view that further military reinforcements are not at present required. He regards the co-operation of the Chinese as the most important immediate step," Lord Listowel said.

Production was not falling. Figures showed that the month output of rubber and tin increased in 1949 as compared with 1947.

A contribution by the British Government to the extremely heavy cost of the security measures in Malaya was being considered very carefully and with a full realisation of its weight and importance to Malaya.

Lord Listowel did not agree that the general situation in Malaya was worsening. Though the situation was still serious, there were some encouraging features. The number of bandit attacks had steadily fallen from the peak of 478 in November to 232 in December and 198 in January.

Murder of civilians of all races had dropped from an average of 48 a month in the period June to December last year to 31 in January. After a special tribute to the Malayan police, Lord Listowel said police arms, wireless and transport equipment were being brought up to the most modern standard as rapidly as possible.

One of the most satisfactory features was that the authorities were now getting word more often of the bandits' movements and plans. This enabled swift counter-action to be taken.

Two thousand Gurkha troops would shortly arrive in Malaya to reinforce those already there. In the week ended February 10, 32 enemy camps and in the week ended February 17, 12 camps were located and destroyed. The Navy and Air Force had given valuable assistance by preventing the possibility of Communist reinforcements reaching Malaya. "There are signs that the main bandit forces have been unable to continue the fight in some areas," Lord Listowel said.

Conferences Held

Two conferences between Siamese and Malayan officials had resulted in a valuable exchange of information and the establishment of contacts and a joint plan of operation had been carried out during the past fortnight by forces of both countries in the frontier area.

"This marks an important step forward in what we trust will be an increasing co-operation between the two countries and Governments," he said.

Lord Listowel said strong measures had recently been taken against those suspected of assisting the bandits. The Malayan Government had taken power to deport en masse inhabitants of certain areas who had persistently declined to co-operate with the security forces against the bandits.

These operations and subsequent repatriations had been carried out with humanity but with extreme thoroughness. It has been estimated that the protection money extorted from Chinese, particularly the well-to-do, by the bandits amounted in October and November last to as much as \$1,500,000 a month apart from payments in kind. The Government had taken resolute action against persons known to be persistent in paying this blackmail. Many arrests had been made and more would be made. The Government would be no respecter of persons in this matter. It was encouraging to know that various Chinese associations were making a resolute stand against this practice. — Reuters.

EMERGENCY IN SIAM PROCLAIMED

Bangkok, February 24.

Premier Phibun Songgram's government today proclaimed a state of emergency to cope with Communist pressure on Siam's borders and mounting unrest inside the country.

The Premier signed a proclamation last night, six days after the Cabinet had decided to declare a state of emergency and close the border of Malaya. The formal proclamation had to await the approval of the Council of Regents acting for young King Phumiphon Aduldet.

Mr. Songgram said the proclamation was deemed necessary because of the Communist activities in Malaya, Burma, French Indo-China and China. He said disorder already had spread rapidly inside Siam and the government had been compelled to use force to suppress unrest. He did not clarify the location of trouble spots in Siam.

Statement Issued

The office of the Premier issued a statement saying that: 1. The proclamation was a preventive measure designed to keep the unrest in South East Asia from spreading to Siam. 2. The measure would protect "honest citizens."

3. The government would not use drastic measures unless these were deemed necessary and would not exercise press censorship.

Siamese and foreigners in Siam were asked to refrain from disseminating subversive propaganda and from disturbing national and world peace.

5. Merchants were warned not to hoard goods. — United Press.

Directive To British Mission

London, February 23.

The Defence Minister, Mr. Albert Alexander, informed the House of Commons today that a directive issued to the Head of the British Military Mission in Burma prevented the Mission becoming involved in a civil war.

The directive provided that its functions were purely advisory.

Mr. Leonard Gammans, Conservative, had asked if the Minister was satisfied that the Mission was fulfilling any useful purpose and what instructions had been issued to them to prevent their being involved in a civil war.

Mr. Alexander added that the Mission had done and was doing useful work in the difficult conditions now prevailing.

"What possible good work has the Mission been doing in a country which is in a state of chaos," Mr. Gammans asked. "What guarantee can you give the House that this Mission will not indirectly, if not directly, be involved in a civil war against the Karens?"

Mr. Alexander said that the actual wording of the directive prevented that possibility. He was quite satisfied that under the difficult circumstances the Mission was carrying out "faithfully and properly" the agreement with the Burmese Government. — Reuters.

AMERICAN TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH CORP. INCOME

New York, February 23. The American Telephone and Telegraph Corporation net income for the year ended December 31 last was \$222,410,000, which is equal to \$0.86 per share, as compared with \$101,185,000 and \$7.66 for the previous year. — Reuters.

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12.32 p.m. — "Guthrie" with "Wide World" (ORBS)
1.00 p.m. — "Accent on Rhythm" (BBC)
1.15 p.m. — News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25 p.m. — Interlude.
1.30 p.m. — "Music for You."
2.00 p.m. — Close Down.
2.05 p.m. — "Guthrie" — Summary.
2.30 p.m. — "Guthrie" and His Music (BBC)
2.50 p.m. — Cantata by Radio given by Miss Lee Wei Lan and Mr. B. K. Lee. (Studio)
3.15 p.m. — "Guthrie" — "The Old Chinese" (BBC)
3.30 p.m. — "World News and News Analysis" (London Relay)
3.45 p.m. — "Guthrie" (Studio)
4.00 p.m. — "Variety Hour" (BBC)
4.15 p.m. — "The Man Born To Be King" (BBC)
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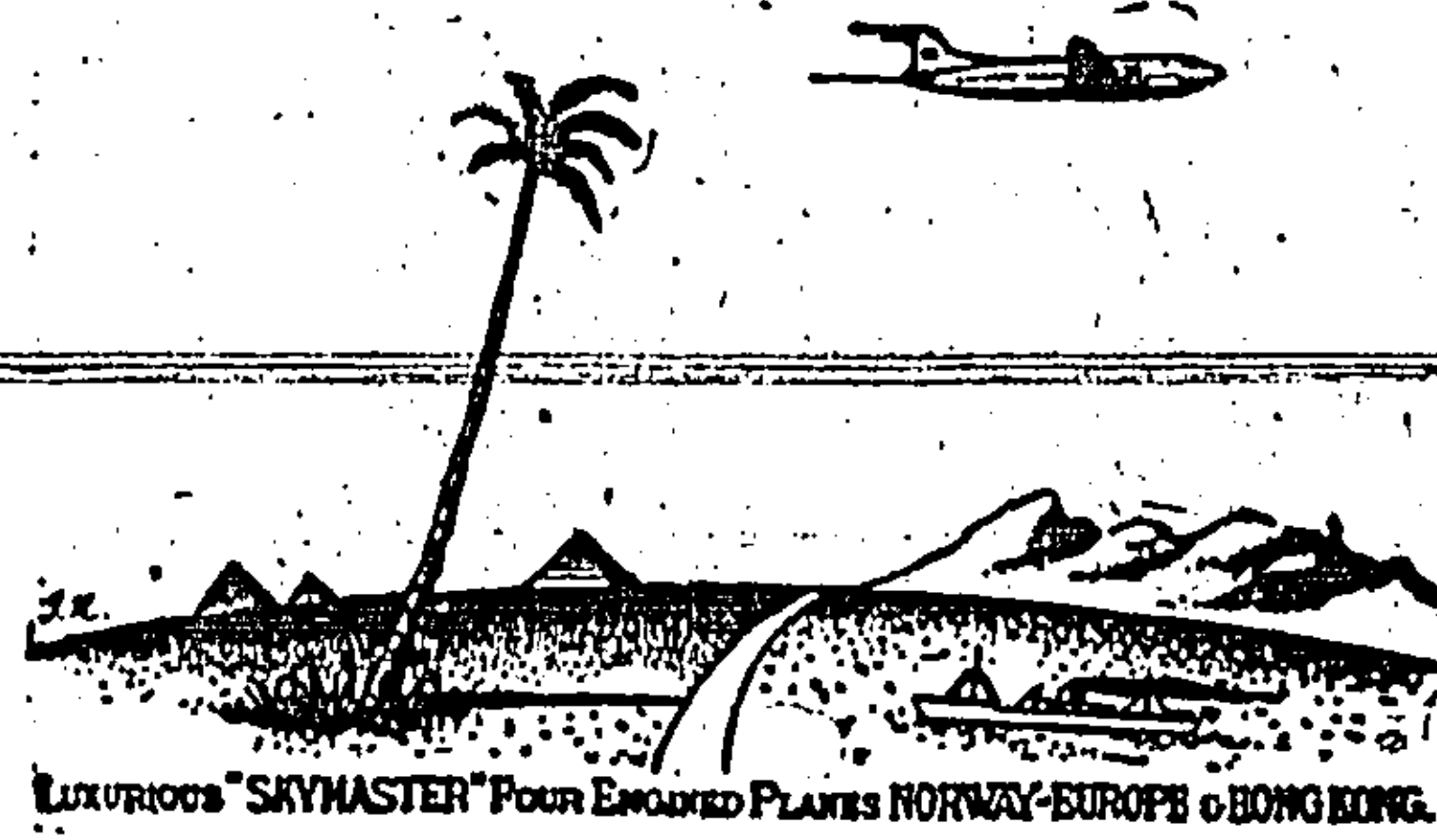
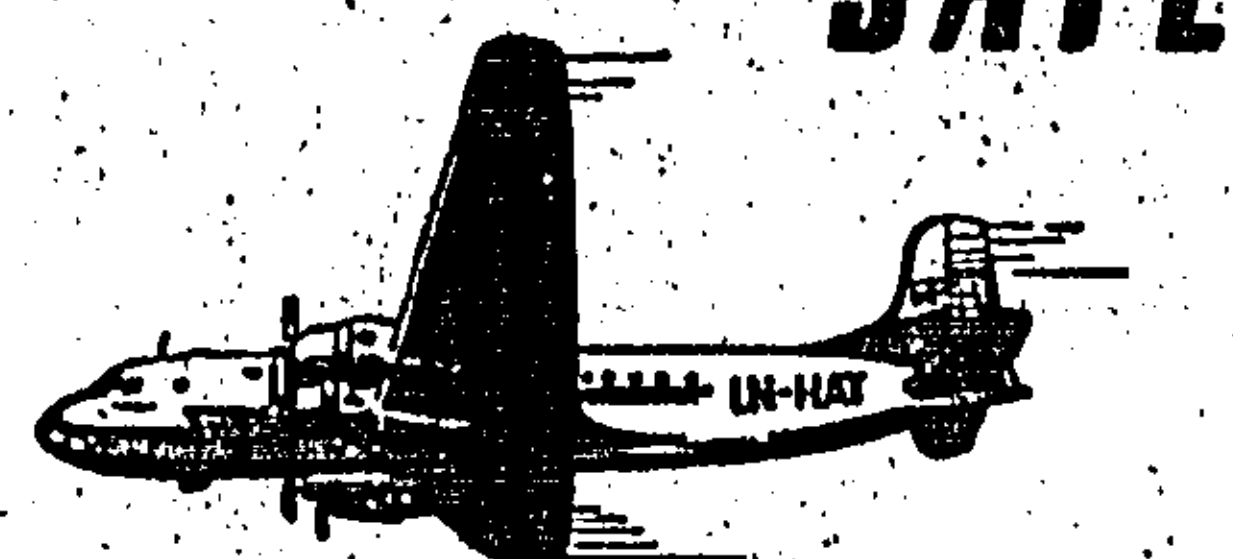
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AIR MINISTER ASKS STRENGTHENING OF RAF

London, February 24.

Air Minister Mr. Arthur Henderson asked parliament on Wednesday for more money "to strengthen the position of the Royal Air Force in aircraft and equipment."

The cost of running the RAF in the year starting April 1, he estimated will be £207,450,000 compared with £173,000,000 in 1948-49.

Mr. Henderson also asked for £16,400,000 as a deficiency appropriation for the current year.

Emphasis, he said, will be on quality of both men and aircraft. In size, the RAF will be cut from 292,500 to 235,000 men.

More jet fighters have been ordered, Mr. Henderson reported and some of the planes will be used to arm Britain's allies.

"Steps are being taken in collaboration with the Air Force of France, Belgium and Holland to build up our joint defences, against air attack using common types of equipment and aircraft common operational procedure" he said.

"Arrangements have been made for the supply of British aircraft to these allies air forces and for the manufacture of British fighters under licence and members of these air forces have received training in this country."

Jet Bombers

Mr. Henderson also disclosed that the RAF expects to have its first jet bombers in the RAF soon.

"The development of a number of types of exceptionally high performance is proceeding as rapidly as possible and the first of these aircraft is expected to fly in the very near future," he said.

The RAF estimate brings to a total of £701,400,000, the total estimated cost of Britain's armed services for 1949-50. £1,600,000

2nd Five Year Plan In Britain

London, February 23.

The draft of the Labour Party's "second five-year plan" was before the full Executive Committee of the Party at a special meeting today.

The draft when approved by the National Party Conference in May will provide the platform for Labour campaign in the 1950 general election.

Proposals for the programme include nationalisation of water supply (which is considered certain), of the £100,000,000 Imperial Chemical Industries, shipbuilding and sugar refining.

A proposal for nationalisation of flour milling was believed to have been successfully opposed by the great Co-operative Movement, which has its own special interests in this sphere.

One of the big tasks before today's meeting was to decide the opening theme of the second five-year plan, which will eventually shape up as the Labour election manifesto. Many Party supporters believe that the main appeal to the electorate must be on the lines of the Party's forward programme. Others think it should have a strong flavour of "look what we have done."—Reuter.

QUAKE RECORDED

Boston, February 23.

A strong earthquake was recorded here today but the Boston College seismologist, the Reverend Daniel Linahan, said it might be either in Russia or South America.—Reuter.

Nehru On Policy Of Australia

New Delhi, February 23.

The Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru said on Wednesday that the Australian Minister for External Affairs, Dr. H. V. Evatt, has expressed regret that he had misunderstood what Pandit Nehru said in a recent interview on the White Australia Policy.

Mr. Nehru was asked in the Legislative Assembly about Mr. Evatt's statement in Canberra, the Australian capital, that in his view, Mr. Nehru supported the White Australia Policy.

Mr. Nehru told the Assembly that in the course of an interview with an Australian newspaper correspondent some time ago, he stated that he could understand an immigration policy based on economic considerations with a view to maintaining certain standards and ways of living but that he thought a racial policy was wrong and to be deprecated.

Mr. Evatt, he said, had expressed regret to India's representative in Australia that he had not understood what had been said by Mr. Nehru.—Associated Press.

Rare Stamp Up For Sale

London, February 22.

A Swiss postage stamp not seen at auctions for nearly 30 years is expected to cause excited bidding at a London sale on March 2.

It is an unused four-cent black and red, issued by the Canton of Geneva in 1849. Auctioneers expect that at least £350 will be paid for it.

The last unused copy was sold for £130 in 1920. The stamp was issued during the brief transition period when the various Swiss cantons issued their own stamps.

Only local letters were charged at four cents, and comparatively few stamps passed into the hands of outside collectors.—Reuter.

Pakistan Anthem

Karachi, February 23.

Pakistan Government officials, unable to decide on a choice of words and a tune for the Dominion's National Anthem despite long listening to the contributions of eager poets and musicians, have now handed over the task to a committee of Members of Parliament.

Asked in the Assembly today if this committee included a musician of repute, Minister of the Interior, Mr. Khawaja Shahabuddin, reassured the House with: "Yes, the Honourable the Minister for Food."—Reuter.

ARREST OF SPIES IN BULGARIA

Sofia, February 23.

The Bulgarian Government today issued a 55-page booklet charging that the 15 arrested evangelical pastors who will go on trial on Friday were "caught redhanded" in a vast spy ring "definitely manipulated from abroad."

The Government said, "The brutal truth is some of the defendants served the Gestapo in the past and now all serve new masters."—United Press.

Scandinavian Bloc Assailed

Warsaw, February 23.

The Polish Ministers to Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland were recalled recently for talks on "the attempts of imperialist circles to draw the Scandinavian countries into the orbit of an aggressive North Atlantic Pact," the Foreign Office announced tonight.

Poland is vitally interested that the Baltic and its neighbouring countries should not become the sphere of imperialist machinations, which would endanger the peaceful co-operation of the Baltic States," the announcement said.—Reuter.

Royal Navy Able To Deal With Any Emergency

London, February 23.

The Royal Navy is ready to deal with any emergency which may arise, Lord Hall, the First Lord of the Admiralty, told the House of Lords today.

"I know from my own personal experience that the Royal Navy is in good heart," he added in a debate on naval policy.

Lord Teynham, Conservative, who commanded destroyers and mine-sweepers in the assault on North France in 1944-45, opened the debate by admitting a great improvement in the Navy since the "dark days which were with us not so long ago," but complained of a shortage of men on long-term engagements which he said could only result in a "tremendous" dilution of experienced ratings.

Lord Allwyt, supporting the complaint about navy pay, wanted to know why a dentist in the National Health Scheme could earn £4,800 a year while a Home Fleet Commander-in-Chief received only £2,920.

Lord Hall, in reply, agreed that the proportion of long-term men was only about half the pre-war rate and nearly half the men had less than three years' experience but the Navy had regained its strength and, having regard to the difficulties of the times, progress had come up to expectations.

The Earl of Cork and Orrery said that in any future war the principal object of the opposing forces would be to protect the Baltic and the Black Seas. The Western powers' forces would be fully employed in keeping back the enemy's advance to the West coast of Europe and Scandinavia and the enemy would take steps to hinder in every way by air and sea egress from British Home ports.—Reuter.

Soviet May Raise Berlin Blockade

Berlin, February 23.

Hints that the Soviet Union is prepared to negotiate for the raising of the Berlin "blockade" were recently given to junior Western officials by members of the Polish Military Mission here, a high official of the British Military Government said today.

He said the hints were given earlier this month by the Poles in "very ineffectual" approaches made within a space of 48 hours to 14 different junior officials among the Western Powers.

The British official said he did not think the Russians could stand the "loss of face" involved in calling off the blockade with nothing to show for it.

He said the Western attitude remained the same—no negotiation until the blockade is lifted. In the meantime, the airlift, now in its eighth month, would be continued as long as needed.

The British official said that responsible British observers in Berlin did not expect the Russians to "do a Korea" and declared their willingness to remove their occupying troops if the other three occupying powers did likewise.

The reasons given were: (1) This move did not work in Korea, where the Americans refused to withdraw at the same time as the Russians. (2) The Communist-led Socialist Unity Party would not be able to win control in Western Germany, which had shown its anti-Communist sentiments in repeated elections. (3) The much publicised "People's Police" in the Soviet Zone was not nearly strong enough to impose Communism by force.

According to the best British information, this force was badly led, badly armed and numbered less than 50,000. Estimates from other Allied and German sources in the past few months had ranged as high as 400,000.

Responsible Western observers had been little impressed by frequent calls by pro-Soviet politicians for a re-unification of

Austrian State Treaty Conference

London, February 23.

The Foreign Ministers, deputies for Austria this morning completed their preliminary review of the unagreed clauses of the Austrian state treaty.

On the basis of this review and of the treatment of Yugoslavia's case, which will be made tomorrow by Dr. Ales Bebler, the Yugoslav deputy foreign minister, the deputies will then decide whether it is worth while continuing their talks and making a more detailed examination of the unagreed clauses.

If tomorrow Dr. Bebler restates, without any change, Yugoslavia's previous demands for territory and reparations from Austria, the deputies may well feel that there is little point in continuing the talks.

Dr. Karl Gruber, the Austrian foreign minister, will be present tomorrow, when Dr. Bebler speaks.

The deputies today ran through three and a half clauses towards the end of the treaty, dealing with financial and technical matters. There was a small difference of opinion between the French delegation and the other three delegations over article 48, under which Austria is to accept responsibility for debts contracted before the Anschluss in 1938, while Germany is to accept responsibility of debts contracted after that date.

French View

The French view was that Austria should be responsible for the payment of interest on Austrian securities as falling due after the Anschluss.

The other delegations, however, said that Germany, not Austria, should be responsible for such interest payments.

On article 48, which provides that the Allies shall waive their claims on Austria for relief supplies imported between the end

of the war and the signing of the treaty, the three Western delegations were in full agreement.

It is understood that this clause would mean the renunciation by Britain of several million pounds in the case of the United States the sum would be still large since, at a certain period, the United States was supplying 60 per cent of Austria's food.

Mr. Samuel Feber, United States delegate, said that the four powers should agree to this clause in order to make a constructive contribution towards the rehabilitation of an independent Austria.

The Soviet viewpoint, however, was that Austria should recognise that all imported relief supplies constituted a debt which she must repay.

There was a brief discussion on article 49 dealing with contracts between Austria and Germany. Mr. Feber suggested that this clause should be omitted altogether.

And the British delegate agreed. The two other deputies asked for time to consider the suggestion.

The deputies agreed to a French suggestion about article 51. This was that consideration should be given to the question of writing into the treaty an obligation on Austria to join any international organisation for the control of patents which might be set up in the future.—Reuter.

Kravchenko To Visit Britain

Paris, February 23.

The Soviet-born author, Victor Kravchenko, intends visiting Britain and several European countries at the end of the court proceedings in Paris.

Mr. Kravchenko told Reuters today he intended to give a number of lectures, meet political leaders and address meetings of workers. Among other countries he hopes to visit are Holland, Italy, Switzerland and Sweden. I want to study economic and political conditions and, of course, do a bit of sightseeing.—Reuter.

Political Crisis In Prague

London, February 23.

Highly informed quarters today reported that the Russian scheme to send thousands of German workers into Czechoslovakia brought a political crisis in Prague.

President Klement Gottwald reportedly resisted the scheme while Premier Antonin Zapotocky was ready to accept it. Premier Zapotocky "disappeared" for several days. Then last night he was on Prague radio with these words: "No doubt you have heard a lot about me in the last few days. Some people had already thought that I was buried. But I am still alive."

Some sources here believed that the reported split between President Gottwald and Premier Zapotocky was behind the recent trip to Czechoslovakia by M. Andrei Vishinsky, Soviet deputy Foreign Minister. The official explanation was that Mr. Vishinsky was taking the cure at Carlsbad.

In Prague, armed Czech Communist Party members patrolled the streets. Spot checks of identity papers were more frequent. A cordon was placed around the International Telephone Centre on Saturday night.

Precautionary Measures

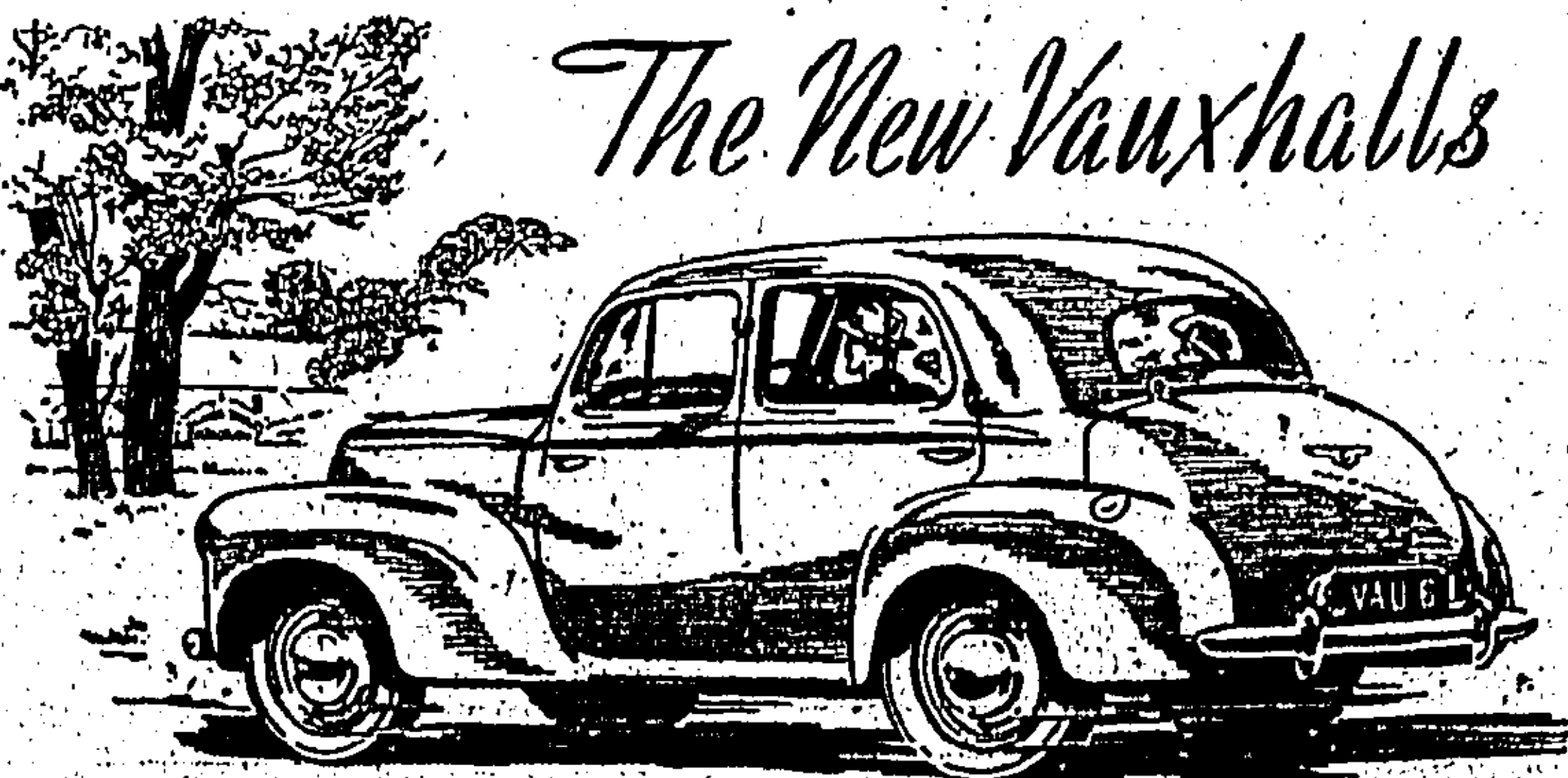
Such precautionary measures well might have been taken simply because of the occasion of the first anniversary of the Communist Coup in Czechoslovakia. But a confidential circular issued to Communist Party cells was reported to have warned that "reactionaries" inside Czechoslovakia are trying to undermine the Communists "by all possible means." It added: "The Western imperialists are not lambs."

Informants said the Russian proposal to transfer Germans to Czechoslovakia was submitted some time ago. Moscow wanted to settle 200,000 to 400,000 in the Sudetenland frontier area where alleged mistreatment of German minorities was the pretext used by the Nazis to move against Czechoslovakia. After the war, Czechoslovakia expelled most of the Germans from Sudetenland and has been suffering a shortage of skilled labour there ever since. In Sudetenland are coal mines, chemical plants and glass factories.—United Press.

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Lake Success, February 23.

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ECA Aid For Colonial Areas

Washington, February 23. The ECA today announced that it had approved the sending of US\$1,500,000 to assist geological and geographical surveys in Britain's colonial areas of Asia, Africa and British Guiana.—United Press.

Burma Rebels Gaining

Rangoon, February 23. Karen rebels driving on Mandalay have occupied two railway towns to the North East and South West, a Government spokesman announced today.

They are Myingyan, 60 miles South West, and Maymyo, 30 miles to the North East.

Mandalay was "well guarded" by the Army and People's Volunteer Organisation forces, he added.

At Maymyo, the loss of which was reported last night, rebels have disarmed some Government troops, but the majority escaped to Lashio, railway terminus 110 miles further North East, where they were regrouping for a counter-offensive, the Burma Government spokesman said.

Tonight's Government communiqué claimed the repulse with heavy casualties of a two-pronged Communist attack on the big rice port of Akyab.

Mydhaung Clash

In a clash at Mydhaung, 40 miles North of Akyab, Government troops killed 20 rebels, the communiqué said.

More than 2,000 Karen rebels still hold Melkita, 80 miles South of Mandalay, which they occupied on Sunday, according to a press report today.

The Karens, the report added, had seized five trains and were using one as an ambulance.

Government troops and Karens were fighting at Mahlaing, 20 miles North West of Melkita, it was officially stated today.

A Government spokesman confirmed that Karens captured two Burma Air Force planes at Anisakan, 30 miles North of Mandalay, when they over-ran the airstrip there on Monday.—Reuter.

Wall Street Brief Comments

New York, February 23. Production centres continue to report rising unemployment. The New Jersey employment service reports more than seasonal unemployment occurred in January. The Commerce Department reports that United States 1948 imports of goods and services totalled \$255,000,000,000 as compared with \$232,000,000,000 in 1947. United States residents' earnings were \$224,500,000,000 as compared with \$202,500,000,000. The Department comments that the price development during 1948 confirmed the impression that a rather aggressive shift away from the intensely inflationary position has occurred.—Reuter.

London Freight Market Report

London, February 23. The chartering market ruled very slow, following the United States holiday, but rates were firmly held. Business was arranged for bagged wheat from South Australia to India at 73/6, bulk wheat from West Australia to the Middle East at 69/- and rice from Bangkok to India at 42/6 a ton. Coals were fixed from the United Kingdom to Alexandria at 28/6 and to Oran or Algiers at 18/6. The River Plate section was idle but tonnage was wanted for heavy grain to Antwerp, Lisbon and West Italy.—Reuter.

Washington, February 23. The United States expects to negotiate separate bilateral military aid agreements with the Atlantic Pact powers as soon as the Pact is signed and Congress has appropriated funds for the rearmament of those powers.

Well informed sources here anticipated that Congress would require such agreements. They would be designed to ensure that the military supplies would be used in accordance with the principles of the Pact, and that the other Atlantic powers would do their best in the spirit of mutual European self-help to supply and equip each other as well.

It drafted along the lines of legislation for the United States military aid to the North Atlantic Pact powers.

The British Minister, Sir Frederick Hoyer-Miller, visited the State Department today for a talk with the Chairman of the Foreign Assistance Co-ordination Committee which is preparing this legislation, Mr. Ernest A. Cross.—Reuter.

Military Provisions

It has been reported, but not confirmed, here that the provision for "military or other action" in case of aggression, is still retained in the latest draft.

With the final treaty draft approaching completion, official attention turns interestingly to its

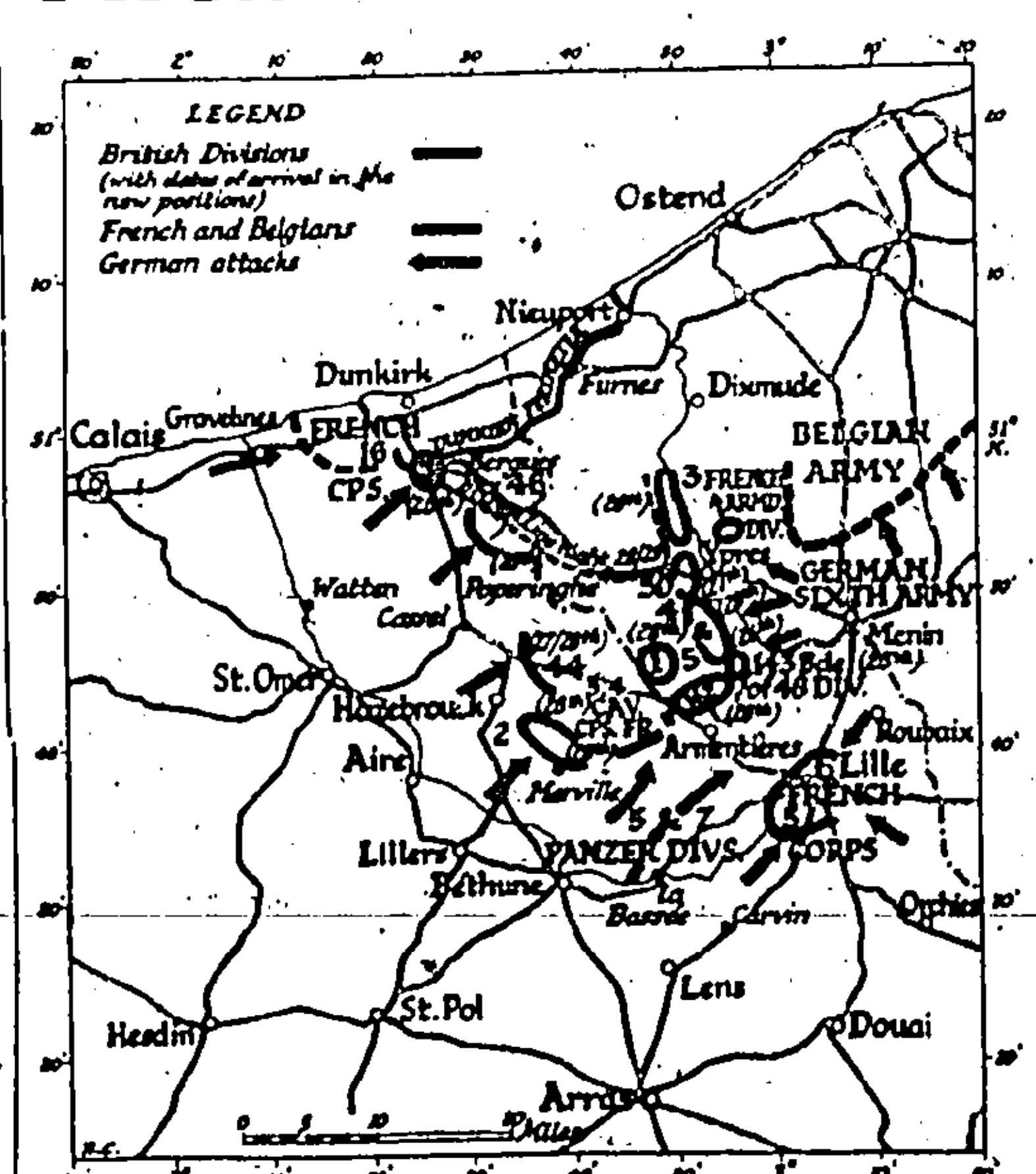
Norway Will Join Atlantic Pact

Oslo, February 22.

Norway will join the Atlantic Pact when the time is ripe.

The People's Party are understood to favour waiting to see how the final draft of the Atlantic Pact will be formulated. The Government and the

Their Finest Hour



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The Fleet be allowed. Reynaud now rose from the table and declared his intention to resign. But the President of the Republic restrained him, and declared that if Reynaud went he would go too. When the confused discussion was resumed, no clear distinction was drawn between declining to surrender the French Fleet to the Germans and putting it out of German power by sailing it to ports outside France. It was agreed that the British Government should be asked to consent to the inquiry about the German terms. The message was immediately despatched.

An Answer

The next morning Reynaud received the British Ambassador again, and was told that the British would accept the French request on the condition that the German navy—in fact that it should be directed to British ports. These instructions had been telephoned to Campbell from London to save time. At 11 o'clock the distracted Council of Ministers met again, President Lohr being present. The President of the

Senate, M. Jeanneney, was brought in to endorse, both on his own behalf and on that of his colleague the President of the Chamber, M. Herriot, the proposal of the Premier to transfer the Government to North Africa.

Up rose Marshal Petain and read a letter, which it is believed had been written for him by another hand, resigning from the Cabinet. Having finished his speech he prepared to leave the room. He was persuaded by the President of the Republic to remain on the condition that an answer would be given to him during the day. The Marshal had also complained of the delay in asking for an armistice. Reynaud replied that if one asked an ally to free one from an obligation, it was customary to await the answer. The session then closed.

After luncheon the Ambassador brought to Reynaud the textual answer of the British Government, of which he had already been given the telephoned purport in his conversation of the morning. World Copyright reserved. Reproduction, even partially, in any language, strictly prohibited. Exclusive rights in Hong Kong by "China Mail". (To Be Continued Tomorrow)

Atlantic Pact Military Clause

Washington, February 23. The military clause in the projected North Atlantic Pact will not commit the United States automatically to war, but will carry guarantees as strong as that no one will mistake America's intention to resist aggression, an official source disclosed here today.

Mr. Dean Acheson, Secretary of State, will carry the Pact negotiations through on the basis of this understanding reached with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, it was understood.

The specific phrasing of the military clause is still secret. But it is understood there is agreement to give the signatories assurance of aid in the case of attack.

The State Department hopes to present the treaty to Congress in about a month.

It would be reinforced by a multi-million dollar military aid proposal for participating Western European countries.—Reuter.

Envoys Of Western Powers To Meet In Washington

Washington, February 23.

Diplomatic sources today said the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, and envoys of six other Western powers, would hold an important conference tomorrow about the proposed North Atlantic security pact.

Conferees will include diplomatic representatives of Canada, Britain, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands.

Diplomatic observers here attached special significance to the occasion since it will be the first chance Mr. Acheson has had to get the reaction of the six foreign governments to the Senate attitude on the pact.

Up for consideration, too, will be the question of inviting Norway to join final treaty negotiations. An invitation will be issued promptly after the Norwegian Parliament formally agrees to enter the historic discussions.

Final Phase

As treaty negotiations entered their final phase, negotiators cautioned against forecasting that a draft would be made public this week. They said further sessions probably would be held with the treaty powers and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee before the terms were released.

The present American position on the treaty, based on Mr. Acheson's meeting with the Senate Committee, is understood to follow these lines:

1. The United States is willing to sign an effective defence treaty based on the general principle that an attack on any signatory nation would be considered as an attack on all.

2. The United States would agree to assist any signatory power, in the event of aggression, through all possible measures short of war. A war declaration would have to be left to Congress.

These provisions were expected to be approved by other treaty powers.

Meanwhile, reliable informants reported that estimates of military requirements, provided by the Western European powers, exceeded the ability of the United States to help. They said the estimates at present were being screened to determine where cuts could be made without endangering minimum security needs.—United Press.

Building Of Steel Ships In Japan

Tokyo, February 23.

Allied Headquarters announced today that contracts had been signed for the construction in Japan of five steel ships.

The contracts call for the building of one oil tanker for Norwegian account and a tanker and three cargo vessels for Danish account. Payment for all the ships will be in terms of United States dollars.

The largest vessel is a 18,000-ton tanker for the Norwegian Line to be completed by May 31, 1950, by the Kawasaki heavy industry plant at Kobe. The other four ships, including a 17,000-ton steel tanker, and three cargo vessels of 5,170 tons each, will be built by the Mitsui Shipbuilding Company at Yamato. Delivery of the tanker is planned for August, 1950 while the three smaller vessels will be delivered by March, 1950.—United Press.

TURKISH ARMY MANOEUVRES

Istanbul, February 23.

The Turkish armed forces today began large-scale land, air and sea manoeuvres in and on both banks of the Bosphorus near the entrance to the Black Sea, designed to test their ability to repel any attack from the Black Sea.

The heads of the United States Aid Mission to Turkey and a number of American observers and experts followed the manoeuvres. Camouflaged anti-aircraft guns were sited at strategic points on the coast and motorised units gave support.—Reuter.

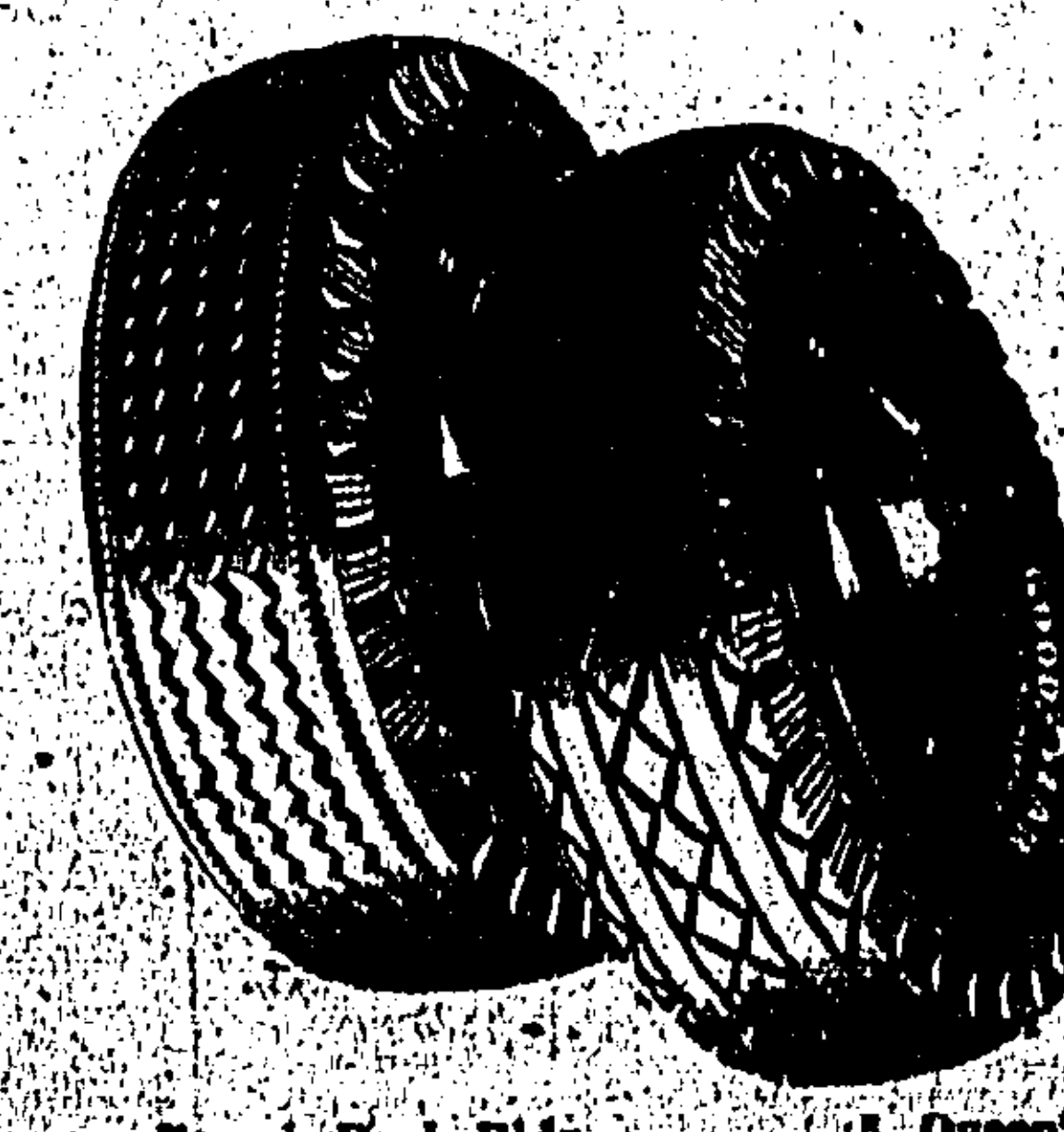
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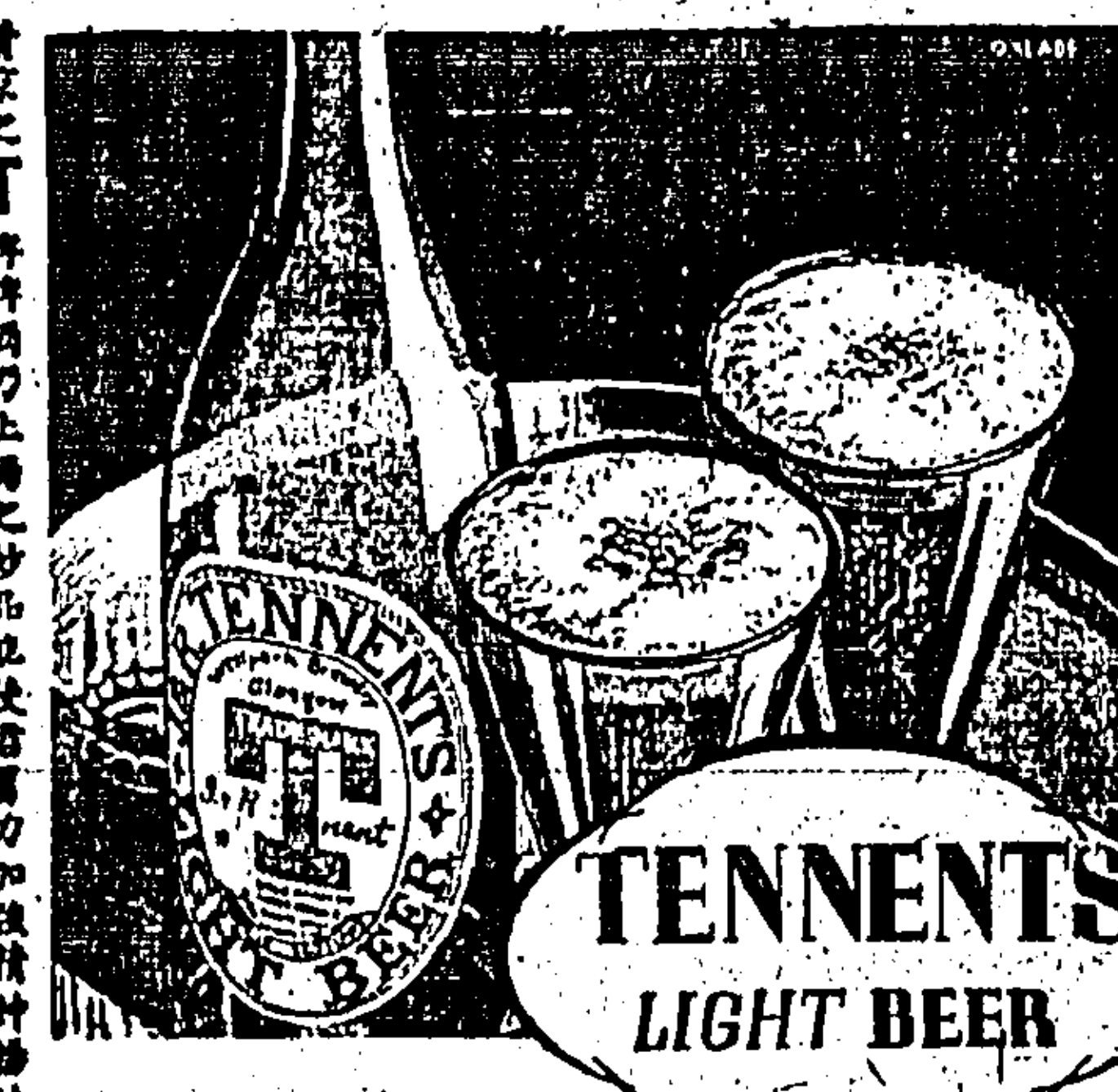
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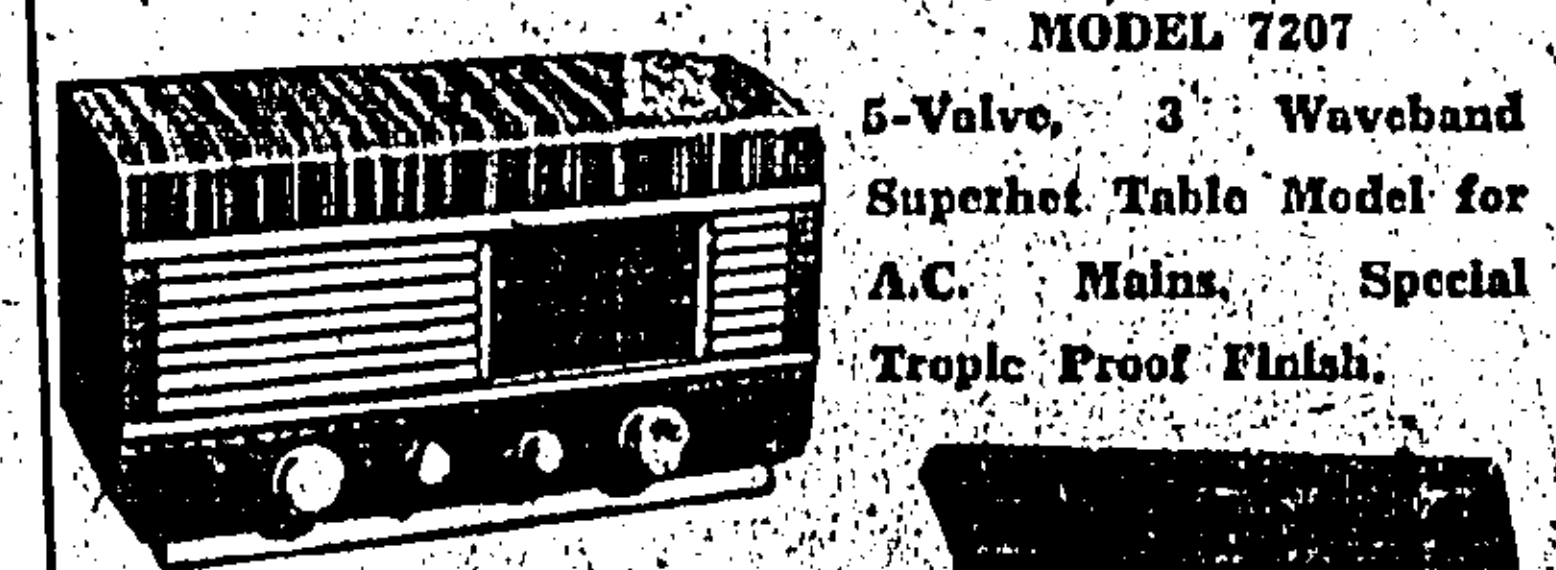
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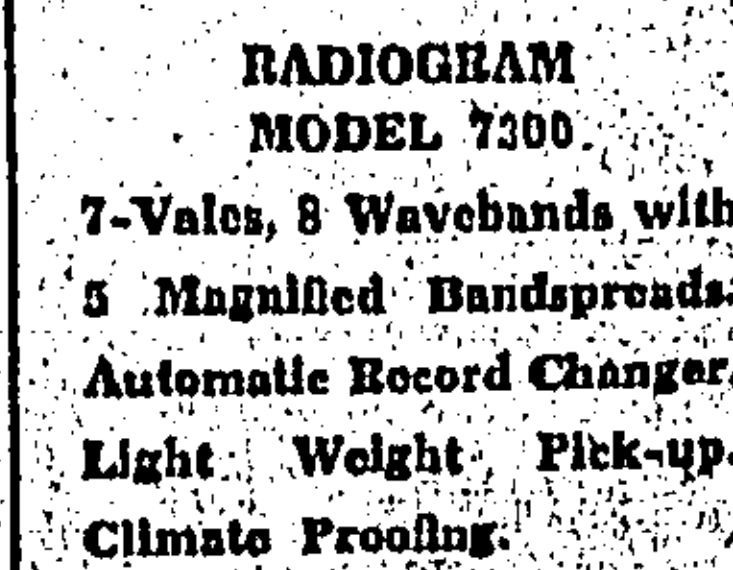
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BAO DAI TO RETURN TO ANNAM

Paris, February 23.

The French Government, after several years of negotiation, has reached agreement with Bao Dai, ex-Emperor of Annam, and he will go back to Indo-China before the end of March, according to a joint communique issued today by the French Premier's Office and by the Cabinet of the ex-Emperor in Paris.

The agreement will be confirmed by an exchange of letters shortly, it was learned from the Ministry of Overseas Territories. It was reached at a luncheon yesterday given by the ex-Emperor to the French Minister for Overseas Territories, M. Paul Coste Floret, who gave details to the French Cabinet today.

The terms of the agreement intended to end with a vote being taken on the agreement, and in particular recording the assent of Parliament to rescinding old French treaty rights in Cochinchina—the "rice-bowl" of Vietnam State.

Wallace Says Atlantic Pact Not Workable

Washington, February 23. Mr. Henry Wallace, Progressive Party presidential candidate last November, predicted before the House of Foreign Affairs Committee today that the proposed North Atlantic Pact would not work and said that the Marshall plan was a failure.

He claimed: "These moves would lead to economic bankruptcy for Western Europe and the United States and invite a war which no nation can win."

Mr. Wallace said that the North Atlantic Pact "made aggressive gestures against the Soviet Union by establishing military bases near her borders."

"Inevitably they will provoke heavy counter-measures,"

He renewed his suggestion that the Truman administration should bargain with Russia across the conference table as "an honourable, a peaceful and a practical alternative."—Reuter.

Referendum Issue

This, it has always been foreseen in the long drawn out negotiations, is to be settled by a referendum. But it is not clear at present whether the ex-Emperor is prepared to return to Indo-China before this referendum has been held.

If, as the French Minister of Overseas Territories said today, the ex-Emperor will return to Indo-China before the end of March, it seems that he will return before the referendum can be organised. But an official attached to the ex-Emperor was not prepared to commit himself on this point in Paris today.

At the same time this official said he was optimistic about reaching an agreement on all outstanding points of procedure, which apparently include the exact date of the ex-Emperor's return.

According to unofficial reports, the agreement with the ex-Emperor provides for:

- 1.—Freedom for Cochinchina to opt for unity with the Vietnam Republic.
- 2.—Full administrative autonomy for the Vietnam Republic.
- 3.—The constitution of a Vietnamese Army.
- 4.—The appointment of Vietnamese diplomatic agents in the countries of South East Asia.
- 5.—Military bases for the French Union in Vietnam controlled by the French General Staff.
- 6.—Representatives of Vietnam in the Assembly of the French Union—the "Parliament" of the French Empire which meets in Versailles and whose elected deputies represent all French overseas territories.

Economic Questions

According to the same unofficial reports, economic questions remain to be settled. These include the control of the customs and of issuing the currency. French policy is based on the expectation that with the ex-Emperor assuming the role of head of the Vietnam Republic, including Cochinchina, with a very large measure of self-government and independence within the framework of the French Union, the big majority of the population will rally to this regime and will thus enable the Vietnam Government itself to pacify the country and break the power of the Nationalist partisans led by Moscow-trained Dr. Ho Chi Minh.

In some French quarters, however, especially among Socialist leaders, the view is still held that Dr. Ho Chi Minh has too strong a hold on the Vietnamese territories and that in some way or other he will have to be brought into the picture if the country is to be definitely pacified.

A representative of Dr. Ho told Reuter in Paris today: "Any agreement between Bao Dai and the French Government leaves the position unchanged for us. We shall continue the fight for total independence. We shall probably launch a fresh offensive shortly."—Reuter.

U.S. Geologists For Africa

London, February 24. Britain on Wednesday received approval to use Economic Co-operation Administration funds to engage 60 American geologists for research in British territories in Africa.

The British project was formed as a means of maintaining geological survey work despite the shortage of British geologists.

Lack of skilled surveyors because of the curtailment of training courses during the war has hampered valuable surveys in Africa, an ECA announcement, said.—Associated Press.

Attitude Of Communists In France

Paris, February 23. The National Assembly will challenge the Communist leader, M. Maurice Thorez, to justify in Parliament tomorrow afternoon his statement on the French Communists' attitude in the event of war.

Mr. Thorez said yesterday that if the Soviet Army came to France in pursuit of an aggressor, the workers would behave towards it as the peoples of Poland and Rumania had done.

The Government today agreed to a debate on the statement being held tomorrow as a matter of urgency. The Foreign Affairs Commission declared in a resolution that the Assembly must decide whether a deputy could "thus put himself at the service of the policy of a foreign power."

Mr. Paul Ramadier, the Defence Minister, has written to the Premier, M. Henri Queuille, saying he has "taken note" of M. Thorez' statement.—Reuter.

FRENCH ATTITUDE ON BERLIN ISSUE

Paris, February 23. The French Government cannot support the recommendations of the Security Council Committee of Neutralists for a settlement of the Berlin question, a spokesman of the French Foreign Office announced today.—Reuter.

U.S. Approves Bill For Alien Supporters

Washington, February 23.

The House of Representatives Armed Services Committee today unanimously approved a bill to allow the United States to care for aliens who help American spies abroad. The measure will grant residence in the United States every year to 100 persons who had given valuable information to United States control intelligence in foreign countries.

"This is just plain spying no matter what you call it and you have to be able to offer your spies something," said the Committee chairman, Representative Carl Vinson, Democrat of Georgia. "This bill would let our agents bring aliens into this country for their protection after they give us information," he added.

The bill would waive all admissibility laws for people considered eligible by the Central Intelligence Agency for sanctuary in the United States. They would be granted permanent residence, and could apply for citizenship.

Lifting Of Ban

Among other restrictions, the bill would waive any ban on persons who are or have been Communists and on those having certain diseases. Intelligence officials of the Agency were quoted as saying that the aim of the bill was to attract "renegade" Communists who might have "important information" about countries and Governments behind the "Iron Curtain."

Persons admitted under the bill would be subject to the deportation laws. Committee members were assured that these laws would catch any foreign agents who tried to slip into the country under the guise of giving information.—Reuter.

TRUMAN'S VACATION

Washington, February 23. It is announced that President Truman will leave for Key West, Florida, on March 6 for a fortnight's holiday. He will return to Washington on March 19.—Reuter.

Plans Of Reds In Japan Upset

New York, February 23. Two directives, issued by General Douglas MacArthur, the Supreme Allied Commander in the Pacific, last year upset Japanese Communists' plans to stage a revolution and seize the Government, the New York Times correspondent in Tokyo said today.

The correspondent said that documents made available to him showed that the Communists expected their projected general strike of last August to turn into an armed revolt by October and result in the formation of a Communist "People's Government" by February this year. The Communists believed their revolution would be synchronised with similar revolts throughout the non-Communist world, the correspondent declared.

The documents show, he said, that General MacArthur's order of July 15 forbidding strikes by Government workers destroyed the Communists' carefully plotted scheme to take control of the Government-owned communications network and railways as "patrol skirmish for the October revolution."

The correspondent said General MacArthur's November announcement that a minority group would not be permitted to interfere with economic recovery apparently upset the Communists' time-table.—Reuter.



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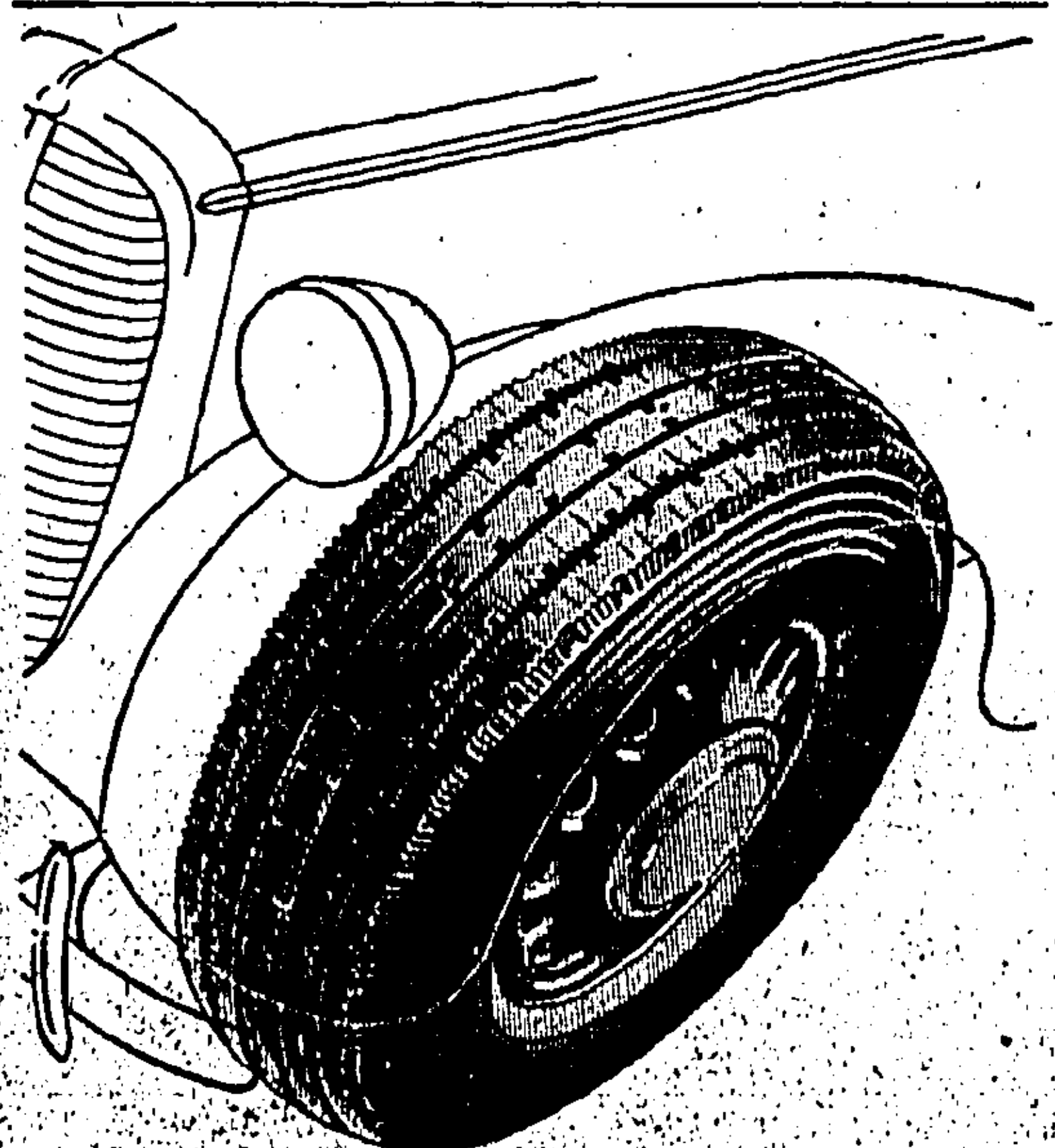
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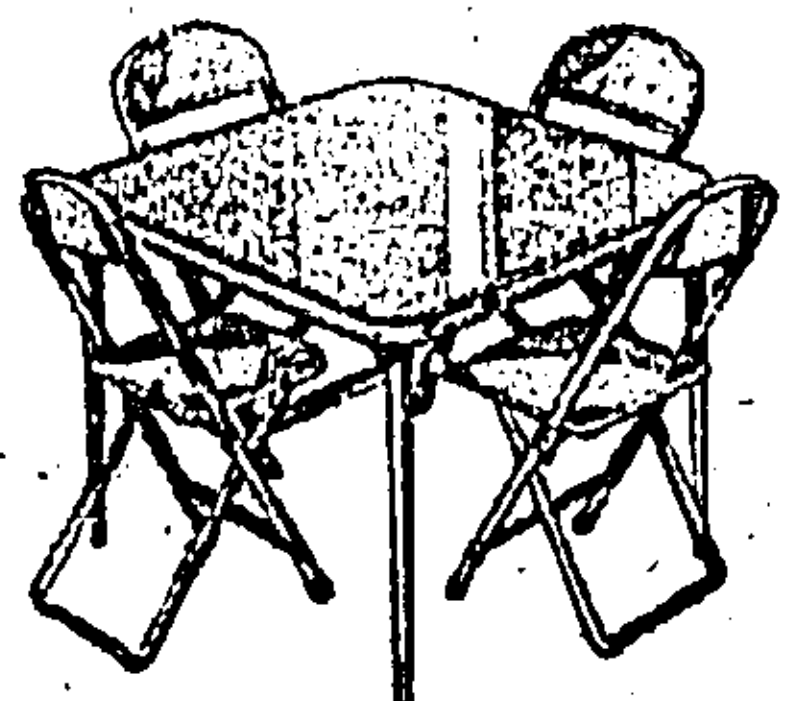
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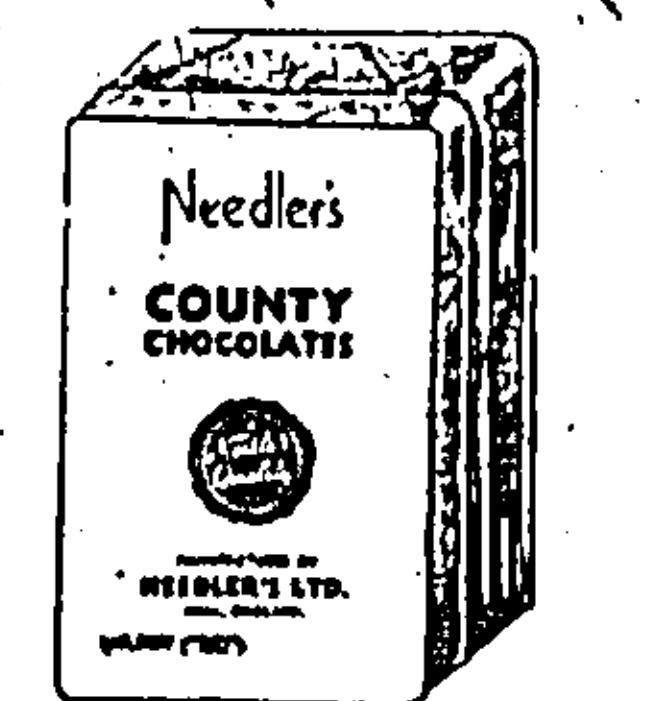
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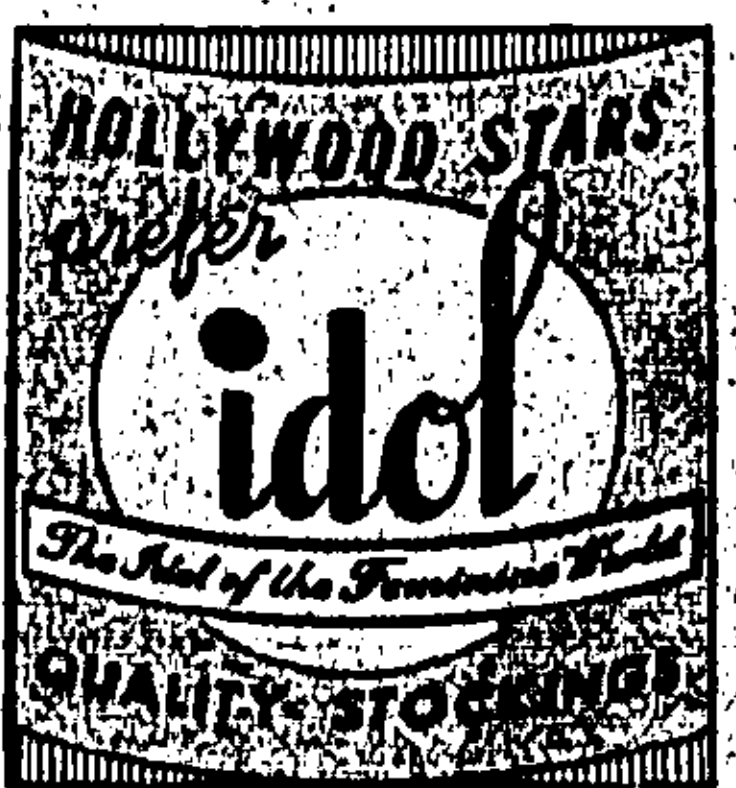
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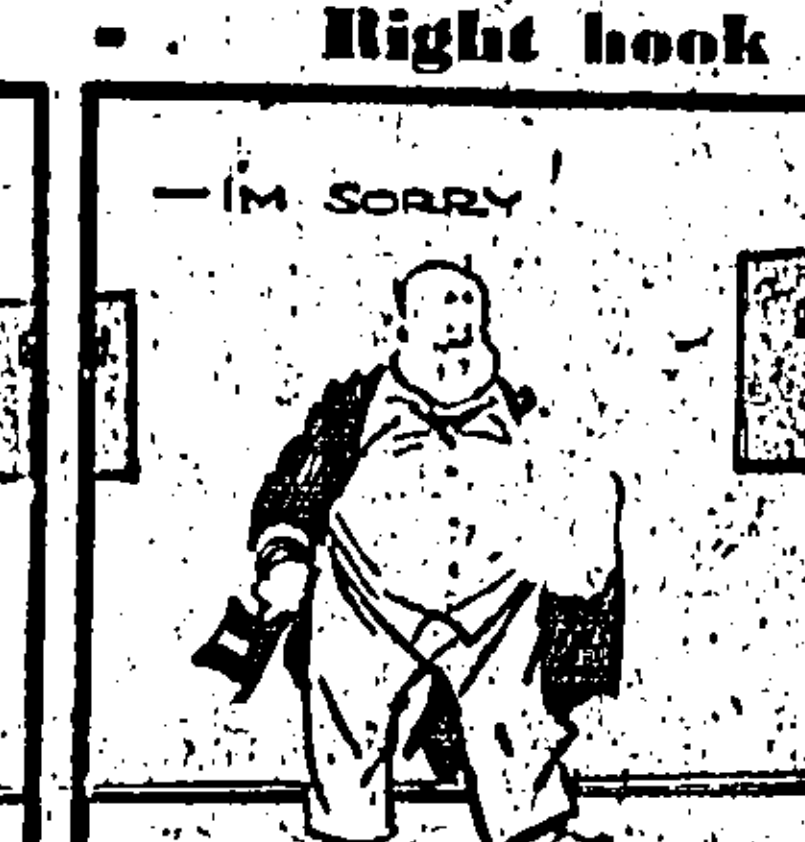
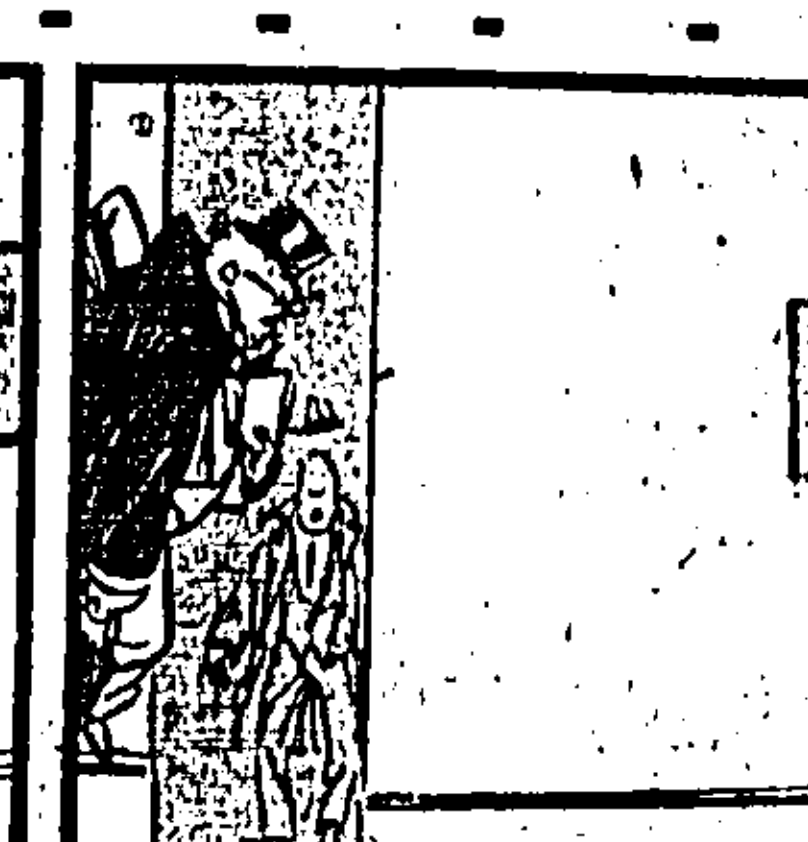
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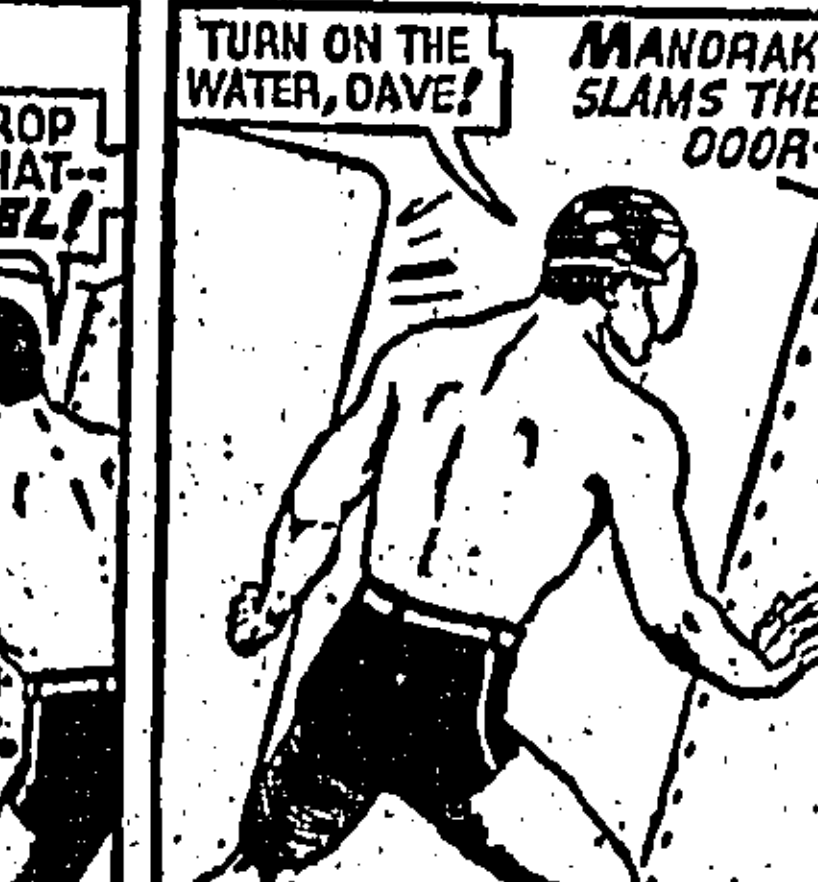
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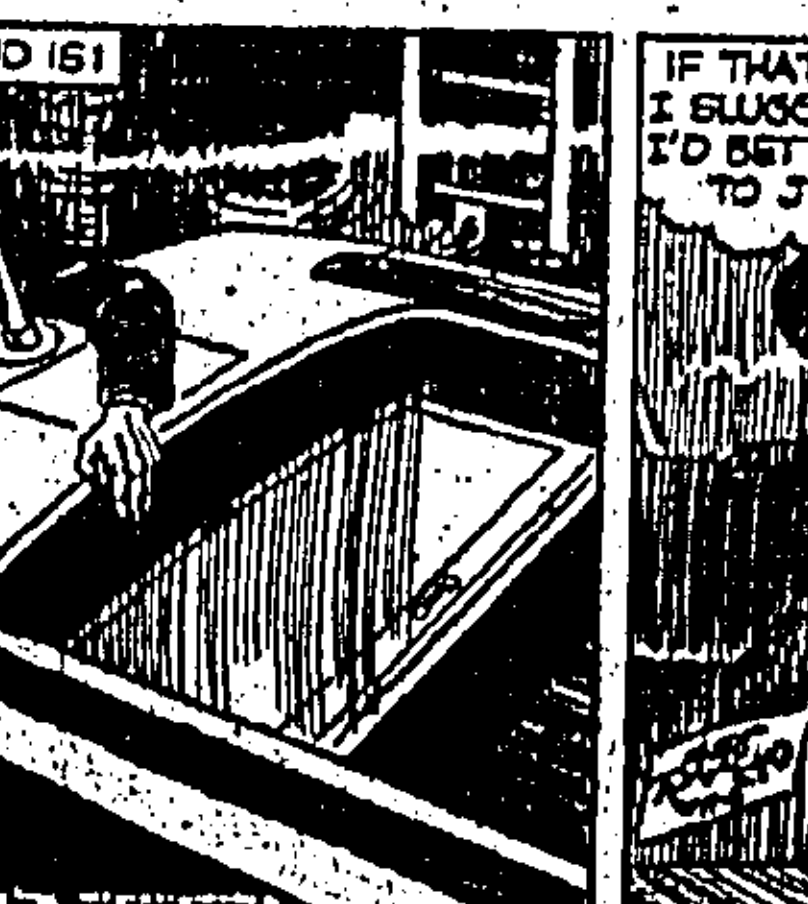
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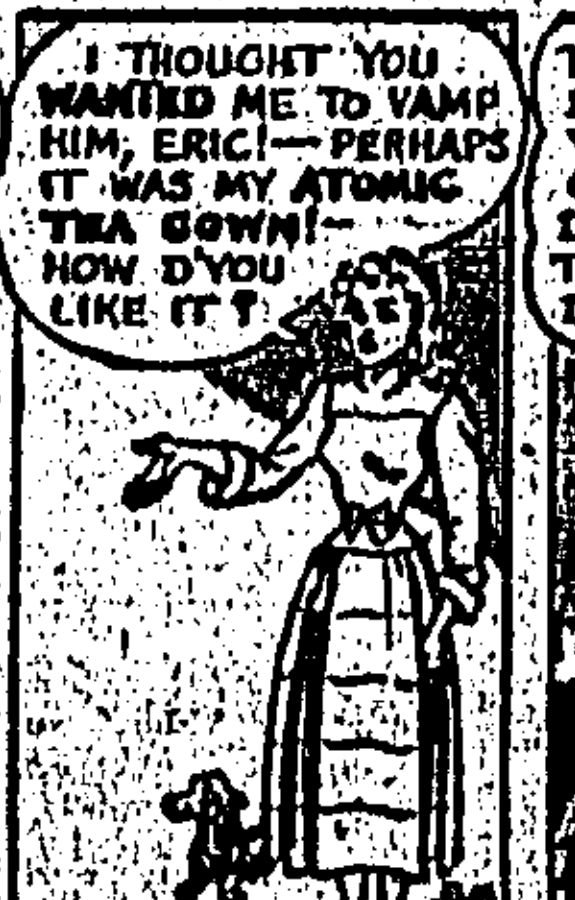
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Kuala Lumpur, February 24.

Evidence At Libel Hearing

Paris, February 23.

Today's session of the Kravchenko libel case hearings began with the evidence of Andrei Leded, an engineer who told the court that rail-

ways in the Soviet Union had their own legal system com-

plete with State prosecutors, judges and courts for dealing with railway offences.

Maitre Joe Nordmann, for the defence, said this was a contin-

uation of a system in operation in Tsarist times. Maitre Georges Izard, for Kravchenko, "I never

knew that under the Tsar there was an NKVR (political police)."

Leded said that after being tor-

tured he had been condemned to death for counter revolution-

ary activity. He was freed by the highest court of appeal.

During examination, Maitre Izard repeated accusations he

made yesterday that the defence had betrayed the name of the

witness, Antonov, to the Soviet authorities (Antonov was one of

three men the Soviet Government asked the French Government to

hand over for trial as war criminals).

One of the defendants, Andre Wurmer, leaped to his feet and

shouted "I will tell you just what happened. I discussed the

names of your witnesses with the Soviet witnesses." Maitre

Izard: "Exactly. You are a police informer."

This started another storm. In a gap in the babel, Judge Dur-

kheim was heard to say: "I am sorry for the record writers." This restored quiet. Shorthand

writers, now approaching the 750,000-word mark in this lengthy

trial, smiled.

The tension eased when Pascal Chitavelli gave evidence. Gesticulating with real Southern ex-

uberance, he said he was "a dis-

ciple of Lenin and Trotsky." He added that he had aided the

Spanish Republicans during the civil war. At the end of the

world war he was engaged as an interpreter for a Soviet repatri-

ation camp at Aix En Provence because he was "the only man in the Marseilles region who could

interpret Russian."

Everything True

He said all the 100 Russian soldiers in the camp asked if they could stay in France. He asked

them why. They told him that everything in Kravchenko's book

was true: "I knew it all before I read the book," witness said.

Asked about the work of political commissars in the Soviet

Army, he said: "If you say any-

thing against them off you go to Siberia and you do not come

back." During the short afternoon in-

terval, Kravchenko, who usually spends this time autographing

duly average of 250 copies of "I Chose Freedom," was today kept

autographing slips of paper and court passes handed to him from

young women admirers in the well of the court.

He thought he had signed about 400 before his lawyers asked the police to stop the flow.

A fifth language was heard in the court today when a German

interpreter was sworn in for a witness, Margarethe Buber-

Neumann. This witness was in-

troduced by Kravchenko's lawyers as "the wife, perhaps the widow," of Hans Neumann, former mem-

ber of the Political Bureau of the

What is perhaps the most unusual and cosmopolitan Legislature in the world—The Federal Legisla-

tive Council of Malaya—reached its first birth-

day with high hopes for a long life.

This organization has no political parties; the

majority of its membership of 75 is unofficial,

none of the members is elected.

Its members include Malays, Chinese, Indians, Europeans,

Ceylonese and Prussians, in fact, all of those residents of the

Malay Federation who carry the all-inclusive name of

Malayans.

The Council, which was formed in February, 1948, has

held its meetings in a large, well-upstairs chamber of what

once was the mess hall of the volunteer forces of the Federal

Malay States.

There are three blocs of mem-

bers. First ex-officio members. They include the president of the

council who is Sir Henry Gurney, the British high commis-

sioner for Malaya; the attorney general and financial secretary.

They sit on either side of the president. In addition, there are

11 official members, all personal appointments of the high com-

missioner and all officials of various departments of the gov-

ernment.

Second: a bloc of members from the Malay States and the

Settlements, 11 in all. These include the prime ministers (Men-

tri Besars) of the nine Malay states, ex-officio, and two repre-

sentatives elected by the settle-

ment councils of the Penang and Malacca. Just to make the situ-

ation clear, the council is self-governing with the important exceptions of

defense and foreign matters.

An outstanding example of the council's powers is the

standing committee on finance, consisting of the financial sec-

retary and 6 Malays, 3 Chinese, 2 Europeans and one in-

dian. It meets every fortnight and approves all government

spending, including supplemen-

tary expenditures.

Other important committees are those appointed to consider

establishment of a University of Malaya, a war damage commis-

sion the standing rules and order of the house and the privi-

leges and powers of members.

Federal councillors serve volun-

tarily and without pay. They do, however, have certain free

privileges while on council business. Those are mailing and telephoning,

railway passage and motor car registration. They also re-

ceive travelling expenses and are allowed to have priority of

accommodations and exemption from customs examinations.

Informal Session

A parliament session is in-

formal and rather simple. Most of the members wear European

dress, but nearly all of the 34 Malays appear in their bright

batiks (shirts) and sarongs. There are microphones and amplifiers

so all can hear without difficulty. A great number of the mem-

bers are lawyers, including Mrs. P. H. Oon, a Chinese attorney

member of the other women

member is One Puteh Mariah

Binti Ibrahim Rashid, a Malay.

The spirit and hope of the par-

liament was best expressed by

the late Dr. Ong Chong Keng,

member from Penang who was

Settlement In Masbate Case

A settlement was reached at the Portuguese Consulate

yesterday when survivors and dependents of the ss. Masbate and Jobahun Ship-

ping Corporation, agents for the owners, accepted a sug-

gestion from Dr. Eduardo Brazao for compensation.

The owners agreed to pay \$400 compensation to a sur-

vivor and \$1,200 to a miss-

ing member. The Chinese Seamen Union, acting on

behalf of the 21 survivors and dependents of the 23

missing, accepted.

Belgium To Contract Loan

Brussels, February 23.

Belgium's Finance Minister has been authorised to contract

US\$10,000,000 loan with the International Bank for Recon-

struction and Economic Develop-

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re-equipment, will be repayable in half-yearly payments of

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yearly. Bonds will be issued at the maximum price of US\$1,000

each. Capital and interest on bonds will not be subject to tax

in Belgium throughout the period of the loan.—Reuter.

Shipping Receipts

London, February 23.

Britain's shipping receipts for 1948 should exceed payments by

more than £60 million—three times the 1948 figure—the Trans-

port Minister, Mr. Alfred Barnes, announced here today.

"It is fully anticipated that this upward trend will be main-

tained in 1949," he added. He told guests at a luncheon on

board the 18,000-ton Royal Mail liner, Magdalena, due to start

her maiden voyage to South America next Saturday, that Brit-

ain's merchant fleet totalled 12,700,000 tons only 1,600,000

tons less than the prewar figure.

—Reuter.

slain by Chinese surgents in August. He said:

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| ss. "CANTON" | 14th April | 11th May |
| ss. "CANTON" | 14th May | 11th June |
| ss. "CORFU" | 14th June | 11th July |
| ss. "CANTON" | 14th July | 11th August |
| ss. "CANTON" | 14th August | 11th September |

Via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Aden & Port Said.

FREIGHT SERVICE

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|----------------|-----------------|--|
| ss. "SOMALI" | In port | for Japan. |
| ss. "TREVINCE" | Sails 20th Feb. | for Japan. |
| ss. "TREVINCE" | Sails 28th Mar. | from London, Genoa, Karachi & Bombay via |

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|-----------------|-----------------|---|
| ss. "TREVELYAN" | Sails 12th Mar. | for Shanghai & Japan. |
| ss. "SOMALI" | Sails 16th Mar. | Hong Kong cargo will be transhipped at |
| ss. "TREVINCE" | Sails 16th Mar. | Singapore to ss. "TREVINCE". |
| ss. "SOMALI" | Sails 16th Mar. | for Straits, Colombo, U.K. & Continent. |
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"SOMALI" is fitted with the DRIMOLD system of ventilation and has space for refrigerated cargo and oil in bulk.

BRITISH INDIA S.N

ROYAL INTEROCEAN LINES

Passenger and Freight Services

JAVA-CHINA SERVICE

| Ship | Arrivals | Departures |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| "TASMAN" | from Swatow & Amoy 25th Feb. | to Manila 8th March |
| "TUTJALENGKA" | In port | to Javaports & Macassar 5th March |
| "TJIBADAK" | from Macassar & Javaports 3rd March | to Shanghai 5th March |
| "TJISADANE" | from Macassar & Javaports 17th March | to Shanghai 17th March |
| | | to Javaports & Macassar 21st March |

ASIA-AFRICA-S. AMERICA SERVICE

| Ship | Arrivals | Departures |
|------------------|--|---|
| "STRAAT MALAKKA" | In port | to South Africa & South America 25th February |
| "BOISSEYAIN" | from South Africa & South America 31st March | to South Africa & South America 21st April |
| "STRAAT SOENDA" | In port | to South Africa & South America 18th May |

All Steamers Calling Mombasa & L. Marques Direct.
Transshipment cargo on through B/L to Dar-Es-Salaam.
Zanzibar accepted on all sailings.

SUMATRA-MALAYA-CHINA SERVICE

| Ship | Arrivals | Departures |
|----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| "VAN HEUTS" | from Amoy & Swatow 25th Feb. | to Straits & B. Dell 27th Feb. |
| "VAN RIEMDIJK" | from B. Dell & Spore 8th Mar. | to Straits & B. Dell 14th March |

Agents: HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE

| Ship | Arrivals | Departures |
|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| "RIJNKERK" | In port | to S'hal, Japan via Keelung 20th Feb. |
| "MELISKERK" | from Europe mid March | to S'hal, Japan 5th March |
| "MARIEKERK" | from Europe Early April | to S'hal, Japan 15th April |
| "MOLENKERK" | from Europe Early May | to S'hal, Japan 15th May |

Transshipment cargo on through B/L accepted to Mediterranean and Northern European ports.

DE LA RAMA LINES

EXPRESS CARGO LINER SERVICES
TO AND FROM PACIFIC & ATLANTIC COASTS

ARRIVING FROM U.S. ATLANTIC COAST
VIA LOS ANGELES & SAN FRANCISCO
S.S. "DONA AURORA" 11th Apr.
m.v. "BENARES" End Apr.

SAILING FOR U.S. ATLANTIC COAST
VIA LOS ANGELES
m.v. "BENGAL" 5th Mar.
S.S. "DONA AURORA" 15th Apr.
m.v. "BENARES" End Apr.

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S.S. HAI SHIA Shanghai March 2

(With Passenger Accommodation)

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

London Stock Exchange

London, February 23.
The Stock Exchange has again become politically conscious. Dealers await the result of the important by-election in the London area and were reluctant to enter into fresh commitments today.

The election result is expected on Friday next, and a win for the opposition would create firm conditions in most sections of the market.

Government stocks received small institutional support for medium dated issues and reaction at gains resulted. Business in other sections was insufficient to create a definite trend. Some of the leading industrialists were wanted in early dealings but most of gains thus recorded were lost.

The oil market was steady but idle after initial irregularity. Small sellers depressed Burmah Oil by 1/32.

Poor figures for 1940 from one of the shipping companies lowered share prices in the section by a few pence.

In the foreign rail section, profit taking reduced Manila issues.

Brazil were mainly easier but great Westerns were firm.

South African mining was quietly irregular.

The South African gold index eased to 75 1/2.—Reuter.

SECURITIES:

British Canada, 2 1/2, 8 1/4

Conversion Loan, 2 1/2, 1951-52 10 1/2-10 1/4

Funding Loan, 4 1/2, 1950-51 11 1/4

War Loan, 3 1/2, 1952 10 1/4

Victory Bonds, 4 1/2, 1953 11 1/4

RAILWAY SHARES:

British Transport, 3 1/2, 10 1/2-10 3/4

INDUSTRIALS:

British American Tobacco, 10 1/2, 46 1/2-47

Imperial Chemical Indust., 10 1/2, 46 1/2-47

Imperial Tobacco Co. (of G.B. & Ireland), 10 1/2, 46 1/2-47

TEA SHARES:

Assam Consolidated Tea, 20 1/2, 20 1/2

Assam Frontier Tea, 10 1/2, 10 1/2

Assam Tea Company, 22 1/2, 22 1/2

Assam Tea Company, 22 1/2, 22 1/2

Emp. of India & Ceylon Tea Co., 16 1/2, 16 1/2

Imperial Tea Company, 20 1/2, 20 1/2

MINE SHARES:

Burns Corp., 5 1/2, 5 1/2

Crown Mines, 3 1/2, 3 1/2

Nandynong Mines, 10 1/2, 10 1/2

Rand Mines, 4 1/2, 4 1/2

Sterling Mines, 2 1/2, 2 1/2

Sub. Nickel, 2 1/2, 2 1/2

Tatay Tin Co., 1 1/2, 1 1/2

Union Corporation, 20 1/2, 20 1/2

GILDED:

Funding Loan, 3 1/2, 10 1/2

National War Bonds, 2 1/2, 10 1/2

1940/51, 10 1/2, 10 1/2

1952/53, 10 1/2, 10 1/2

1954/55, 10 1/2, 10 1/2

1956/57, 10 1/2, 10 1/2

1958/59, 10 1/2, 10 1/2

1960/61, 10 1/2, 10 1/2

1962/63, 10 1/2, 10 1/2

1964/65, 10 1/2, 10 1/2

1966/67, 10 1/2, 10 1/2

1968/69, 10 1/2, 10 1/2

1970/71, 10 1/2, 10 1/2

1972/73, 10 1/2, 10 1/2

1974/75, 10 1/2, 10 1/2

Britain To Make Sterling Grants For Tourist Trade

London, February 23.

Britain will make a sterling allocation for the tourist trade to Israel by early summer, it was learned from a usually reliable source here today.

Negotiations are in progress with the British Government, and it is understood the allowance for holiday-makers going to Israel will be the same as that for European countries.

A big campaign is being planned to attract gentle tourists as well as Jews to the new state, an official of the Zionist organisation said here today.

"By 1950 we hope to be able to accommodate 100,000 tourists during each season. We will cater for low income groups of all classes, not only the rich."

Guest Houses

"We do not want tourists to be isolated in large hotels. We want them to live in guest houses of the settlements and in hostels which are planned for the entire country so that they can get the feel of life in Israel."

"Nahari, a little rustic village founded by German immigrants in the mid thirties, will be the pattern followed throughout the country. It has a system of letting rooms at fixed fees and there has been no exploitation there."

"Guest houses in the collective settlements will offer comfort and cleanliness to tourists rather than luxury."

"Tiberias will be developed for the winter season, Jerusalem for the summer and the seaside resorts for the whole year round," the official said.

"Jews who need cures for rheumatism will be encouraged to take the baths at Roman springs at Tiberias and hostels will be built there."

"We plan to start a motor launch service along the coastline of Palestine which will relieve the pressure on the roads and be cheap and pleasant for tourists."

"By 1950 there should be an efficient and cheap railway service because a network is being planned now."

"The tourist will be able to take intensive courses of Hebrew at the universities where extension courses are planned."

NEW YORK SILVER MARKET

New York, February 23.

Consumers purchased around 175,000 ounces at 71 1/2 cents an ounce. Adequate supplies appear available and the market was in buyers' favour.

Despite this, the price continues unchanged, because the Banco Mexico was a ready buyer for February's Mexican silver output.—Reuter.

PASSENGERS FOR GENOA & MARSEILLES

"ss. RENA"

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SHANGHAI

3rd MARCH, 1940

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GENOA AND MARSEILLES

Via Singapore—Colombo—Aden—Port Said

All cabins are airconditioned and have hot and cold running water. Vessel carries her own fully qualified doctor and nursing staff.

A few 1st and 2nd Class cabins are still available together with limited Tourist accommodation.

Intending passengers should apply immediately to

THE TRAVEL ADVISERS

317, QUEEN'S BLDG., CHATER ROAD.

or to any authorised Travel Agency.

New York Stock Exchange

New York, February 23.

Apathy rather than any important pressure caused further slight recession. Sluggish dealings, which were mostly professional, saw changes either way mainly limited to fractions with losses slightly in the majority.

Included in the downward trend were selected mining, motor, rails, amusements, chemicals, firm implements and rubbers.

Although pressure showed no special increase, the market turned irregularly lower with losses ranging to one point or so. The rail average broke through the 1940 low.

Easiness became fairly widespread in late dealings, and the close was easy with liberally distributed declines mainly ranging to one point or more.—Reuter.

MAERSK LINE

Notice To Consignees

The M/V "ARNOLD MAERSK" having arrived from New York and Ports of call, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk and expense into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company's godowns at Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Optional cargo will not be landed here, unless notice has been given 48 hours prior to vessel's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd March, 1940 will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 2nd March, 1940 at 10 a.m. by our Surveyors Messrs Goddard & Douglas.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All claims must reach us before the 24th March, 1940 or they will not be recognized.

No Insurance will be effected.

JEBSEN & CO., Agents.

Hong Kong, Feb. 24, 1940.

Notice To Consignees

ISBRANDTSEN STEAMSHIP CORPORATION

S.S. "FLYING CLIPPER"

From U.S.A. via Ports.

S.S. "Flying Clipper", which sailed from New York on October 27, 1940, whilst in port at Kobe, Japan, had a fire in her No. 5 hatch, as a consequence of which a General Average has been declared.

A security for General Average contributions is to be furnished by consignees who are required to sign an Average Bond and to make a deposit in United States Dollars equivalent to 5 percent of the C.I.F. value of the goods.

The vessel will discharge her cargo into lighters for final storage in the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. and Messrs. Anderson & Ashie have been appointed to act as Surveyors in the interest of all concerned.

Consignees are requested to furnish Valuation Statements in triplicate and, subsequent to paying the required deposit and signing an Average Bond, will be issued with a Delivery Order. Consignees of damaged cargo are advised in their own interest not to take delivery of their cargo before same is surveyed.

Deposits will be required in Cash in United States Dollars or by Demand Draft made out to the order of Messrs. A. P. Pattison & Company.

Date of survey of damaged cargo will be announced later.

A. P. PATTISON & COMPANY.

AMERICAN PRESIDENT LINES

Cargo Oil Tanks
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TO HONOLULU AND SAN FRANCISCO

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|---|---------|
| "President Wilson" (via Shanghai & Japan) | Mar. 5 |
| "General Gordon" | Mar. 20 |
| "President Cleveland" | Apr. 3 |

TO SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES via JAPAN

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|--------------------------------------|---------|
| "President McKinley" | Mar. 3 |
| "President Taft" | Mar. 18 |
| "President Madison" (calls Shanghai) | Mar. 31 |

TO NEW YORK, BALTIMORE & BOSTON VIA PANAMA

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|--|---------|
| "President Fillmore" (calls Pacific Coast) | Mar. 21 |
| "President Tyler" (calls Pacific Coast) | Mar. 23 |

ROUND-THE-WORLD

VIA MANILA, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, KARACHI, SUEZ, PORT SAID, ALEXANDRIA, NAPLES, MARSEILLES, GENOA, NEW YORK AND BOSTON

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| "Mount Mansfield" (Singapore Direct) | Mar. 14 |
| "President Monroe" | Mar. 22 |
| "President Buchanan" | Apr. 2 |

ARRIVING FROM SAN FRANCISCO

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| "President Tyler" | Feb. 27 |
| "President Fillmore" | Feb. 27 |
| "St. George's Bldg." | Tel. Nos. 28172/28173 |

American Pioneer Line

Arrivals from New York, Boston, Other Atlantic Ports via Panama

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| "PIONEER SEA" | Mar. 1 |
| "FADUCAH VICTORY" | Mar. 23 |

Sailings to Manila

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|-------------------|---------|
| "PIONEER SEA" | Mar. 2 |
| "FADUCAH VICTORY" | Mar. 24 |

Sailings to New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore & Other Atlantic Ports via Shanghai, Japan & Panama Canal

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|----------------|-------------|---------------|
| "PIONEER LAKE" | Due Feb. 27 | Sails Feb. 28 |
| "PIONEER COVE" | Due Mar. 10 | Sails Mar. 11 |
| "PIONEER SEA" | Due Mar. 20 | Sails Mar. 21 |

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The above list indicates the principal ports of loading and discharge as presently intended, but not their rotation. For further information see schedule at the Company's Office.

UNITED STATES LINES

Queen's Building, Tel. 31251 (3 lines)

BEN LINE

ARRIVALS

| SHIP | FROM | DUE |
|---------------|-------|---------------|
| "BENLAVERS" | U.K. | 25th Feb. |
| "BENDORAN" | U.K. | 27th Feb. |
| "BALMONTER" | Japan | 1st half Mar. |
| "BENVOORLIC" | U.K. | Early Mar. |
| "BENALBANACH" | Japan | 1st half Mar. |
| "BENLEUCH" | U.K. | 2nd half Mar. |
| "BENRUACHAN" | U.K. | End Mar. |

SAILINGS

| TO | LOADING |
|---------------|--|
| "BENDORAN" | Liverpool 28th Feb. |
| "BENLAVERS" | 27th Feb. |
| "BENALBANACH" | London, Antwerp, 1st half Mar. |
| "BENLEUCH" | Rotterdam & Hull, 2nd half Mar. |
| "BENVOORLIC" | Liverpool, Havre, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hamburg, End Mar. |

* Calls Port Sudan.
† Calls Dar-es-Salaam.
‡ Accepts Cargo for Japan.
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M.S. "FRANCOISVILLE" Loading 27th Feb.

M.S. "CASTLEVILLE" 30th March

ARRIVALS FROM PACIFIC COAST

M.S. "BOUGAINVILLE" 21st March

Sailing to Singapore, Port Swettenham, Penang & Batavia

M.S. "BOUGAINVILLE" 25th March

Passenger Accommodation Bulk Oil Tanks

Choochoo Freight Agents, THE

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

| ARRIVALS FROM | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| S.S. "MORTAIN" | Europe | End of March |
| S.S. "CHAMPOLLION" | Marseilles | Mid April |
| SAILING TO | | |
| S.S. "BELAPUR" | Kobe, Yokohama | on or about March 2nd |
| S.S. "CHAMPOLLION" | Marseilles via Saigon | Mid April |
| S.S. "CHAMPOLLION" | Marseilles via Saigon | End of April |

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BALTIMORE, PHILADELPHIA
via PANAMA

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| S.S. "CITY OF ALMA" | 12th Mar. |
| S.S. "ANDREW JACKSON" | 18th April |
| S.S. "MAIDEN CREEK" | 28th April |

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| | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| M.V. "FARRAMATTA" | 15th Mar. |
| M.V. "MONGABARRA" | 9th April |

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| M.S. "SALLY MAERSK" | March 14 |
| M.S. "GRETE MAERSK" | April 9 |

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ARRIVALS FROM NEW YORK AND OTHER U.S. PORTS

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|------------------------|----------|
| M.S. "ARNOLD MAERSK" | In Port |
| M.S. "GRETE MAERSK" | March 7 |
| M.S. "CHASTINE MAERSK" | March 24 |

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L. J. H. MAJIBUK (Japan), Danish, 3,520
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TODAY

LAKELAND VICTORY (U.S.) ex-San
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LUXEMBOURG VICTORY (U.S.) ex-
Yokohama

TOMORROW

CARRICK BEND (Everett) ex-Manila.
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Shipping Departures

YESTERDAY

CARRICK BEND (Everett) for Hong
Kong
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Kong

TODAY

PATSHAN (H & S) for Canton, 1.30 p.m.
FLYING CLIPPER (Pattison) for New
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HAI TSIEN (CNSN) for Shanghai.
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VESSELS DUE FROM

SOUTH AFRICA

BOISSEVAIN (RIL) Mar. 31
STRAAT MALAKKA (RIL) 5

AMERICA

ATLANTIC COAST
PIONEER LAKE (U.S.) ex-NY Feb. 27
BELMA SALEN (Hunt) Mar. 2

EUROPE

AXAX (H & S) ex-New York 17
DELEVILLE (Thoresen) 18
PERNDAL (Thoresen) 18

GARDEN STATE (Gardner) ex-
Norfolk, Baltimore 8
GRET MAJIBUK (Japan) ex-New
York 12

JAVA MAIL (Everett) ex-Vancouver
Seattle 15
OREGON (Doddwell) ex-Vancouver 41
ROCKSIDE (Doddwell) ex-New York, End
of March 23

PIONEER COVE (U.S.) ex-New
York, Boston 23
PIONEER COVE (U.S.) ex-New York, 1 & 20
PHEE GRANT (APL) ex-Baltimore 24
STEELE NAVIGATOR (Gilmann) 10
STELLA LYKES (APL) ex-Hong Kong
via Shanghai, Japan End
of March

TITANIA (Doddwell) ex-Vancouver
Washington, Seattle 28
WASHINGTON MAIL (Everett) ex-
Vancouver 28

BENARIS (Hama) via Los Angeles, End
of March 28
COLARADO (Doddwell) ex-Vancouver
Dana, Alaska 12
HOPEVILLE (Thoresen) 19
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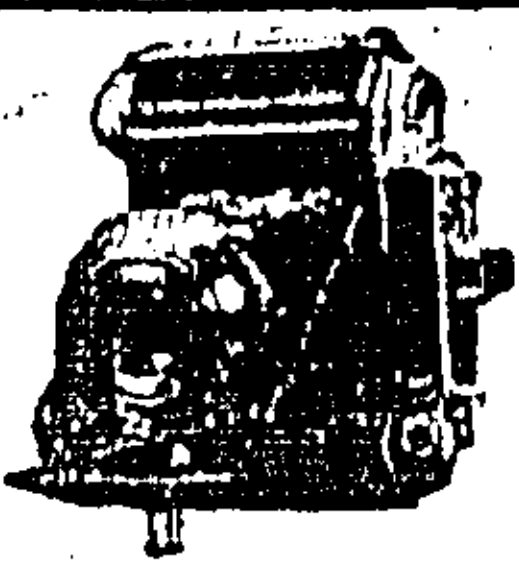
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Seeded Players Favoured In Tennis Championship

Malayan Shuttlers Weakened

Glasgow, February 25.—The Malayan badminton team left here this morning in glorious sunshine on their way South to Preston, Lancashire, for the final of the Thomas Cup against Denmark on Friday and Saturday.

Their jubilation over the inter-zone final win against the United States was tempered by the bad news about Wong's arm and that a weakened side would have to take the court against the Danes.

Wong was really hardly fit to play against the United States, but the Malayan manager, Mr. Lam, decided to persevere with him and purposely minimised his injury as he did not wish him to make excuses in advance should his team have lost.

The loss of Wong is a bitter blow to the Malaysians, but they are not despondent. As Mr. Lam philosophically said they have not seen the Danes in action and cannot, therefore, say what difference Wong's absence will make.

The Danes are genuinely sorry to hear the news at breakfast this morning. It came as a great surprise to them and to most people as few had any idea that the Singapore player was unfit.

Joeri Skarup, the Danish champion, told Reuter: "I am very sorry to hear about it, but I think the Malaysians are right not to play a half fit man."

There appears to be some difference of opinion among the Malaysians over the composition of the team for the final. Some feel that Law, who was so easily beaten last night by the Americans No. 3, should have been dropped. He is said to suffer from nerves and to lack the big match temperament.—Reuter.

A large turn-out is expected to watch Club play the Singapore United Services XV on the Club ground at 4 p.m. tomorrow.

The visitors were due to arrive at 4 p.m. yesterday but have been delayed until this afternoon by adverse weather conditions.

Information regarding the team's ability is scanty, but several of the players have played for well known Clubs at home, F/O Carpenter having turned out for London Scottish and Combined Services.

There have been three changes from the team originally selected, but to what extent this has weakened the team, or otherwise, is not known.

Club are relying on the team which overcame Shanghai so decisively last Saturday. The Singapore side will have to produce very good football to win. The teams are:

Six more fixtures of the Colony's Lawn Tennis Open Singlos Championship will be decided this afternoon.

Three seeded players will be seen in action. Of these, H. A. Ayres and Tsui Wai-pui, the top two, are expected to get into the next round.

The third seeded player, Choy Tin-fook may meet with some formidable opposition from Lee Boon-sing in a game which promises to be the best of the evening.

Lee is in his first tournament game in the Colony. He is best remembered as the young Javan exhibitionist of doubles last April against the Tsui brothers. He is a hard-hitting player with a powerful service, and if he finds his form, an upset may not be unlikely.

Choy is considered as one of the most improved players this season and on present form should manage to edge out George Chou, the former University champion is another player, whose form will be watched with interest.

An arm disability kept him out of the tournament last year, but in the previous year, he nearly created a major upset when he defeated Tsui Wai-pui in the quarter-final, after winning the first set and losing the second set.

The following are today's games:

Court 1: H. A. Ayres vs. F. L. Court 2: George Chou vs. Wong Shiu-wing.

Court 3: Choy Tin-fook vs. Lee Boon-sing.

Court 4: F. V. Harrison vs. W. Solberg.

Court 5: Wong Shek-man vs. J. V. Sellors.

Court 6: Tsui Wai-pui vs. B. Cosmo.

Fixtures for week beginning February 28 are:

Monday

Court 1: P. H. Bannerman & S. Saul vs. D. J. Leonard & L. F. de Souza.

Court 2: F. H. Kwok & Wong Shiu-ki vs. Tsui Wai-pui & Tsui Wai-pui.

Court 3: Ho Ka-lau & Pang Ollam vs. D. M. Rodrigues & A. J. Remedios.

Court 4: J. V. Sellors & J. B. Hawthorn vs. Lee Wai-long & K. H. Ip.

Court 5: R. Segalen vs. Au Kam-moon (replay).

Court 6: Choy Tin-fook & Choy Tin-wah vs. J. A. C. Hurlbut & M. D. A. Clinton.

Tuesday

Court 1: Kwok Hing-chung & Roch Leung vs. J. S. Lee & Lee Ming.

Court 2: R. Ng Yeek-kin & P. Poon vs. B. Gosano & G. N. Goss.

Court 3: George Chou & L. C. Kotewall vs. T. E. Baker & R. O. Baker.

Court 4: E. M. Hayhurst & S. L. N. M. W. Harris vs. Tsui Ping-fan & Luk Ding-cheung.

Court 5: G. Lin & S. P. Toa vs. F. M. Ribeiro & T. E. Rodri.

Court 6: I. Agafuroff & Dr. H. Meyer vs. Lee Yue-wing & Wong Shiu-wing.

Wednesday

Court 1: Daniel Chan & M. L. Chan vs. L. F. Stokes & R. Segalen.

Court 2: J. L. C. Pearce & D. Fitzroy Williams vs. G. H. Wigglesworth & D. Nolan.

Court 3: M. Heenan & M. W. Lo vs. F. A. Fisher & Capt. R. W. Macroth.

Court 4: Norman Lo & Donald Lo vs. Albert Chan & Lawrence Chan.

Court 5: Peter M. F. U. & C. Lau vs. Lee Boon-sing & T. T. Chen.

Court 6: Au Kam-moon & Lee Chun-Kit vs. J. S. Belme & A. J. Doyle.

Thursday

HKCC Club Singles Championship

Court 1: W. G. D. Cooper vs. B. T. M. Jones.

Court 2: G. S. Coxhead vs. P. H. Bannerman.

Court 3: A. Furrer vs. G. H. Wigglesworth.

Court 4: G. A. Lemay vs. Dr. H. Meyer.

Court 5: H. J. Armstrong vs. R. Segalen.

Court 6: J. D. Mackie vs. J. Barlow.

Friday

Court 1: D. Nolan vs. F. V. Harrison.

Court 2: K. M. Getz vs. J. B. Hawthorn.

Court 3: J. L. Pearce vs. K. J. Hiddy.

Court 4: J. V. Sellors vs. M. Heenan.

The umpires for next week's games are:

Monday: C. L. Way, J. D. Mackie, K. A. Cook, G. W. Sewell, J. B. Kile and Chow Sing-ling.

Reserves: Cpl. Fabian, QMSI Smith (Army) and F/Sgt. Dulbea (RAF).

Chieftains: R. de Roma, D. Henderson, P. Franklin, M. Robinson, D. Nolan, J. R. Henderson, J. V. Carrol, N. I. Moffat, H. M. O. Forrester, E. Brown, T. Bowman, G. Wright, Noddy, A. Taylor and J. Warner.



LIS Ham Wins Cross-Country Race In 19.45

Leading Seaman Ham of HMS Belfast won the first post-war Fleet cross-country race which was held yesterday with participation of more than 150 contestants.

The Fleet Trophy was won by HMS Belfast with 584 points, while the trophy for Small Ships was won by HMS Dampier with 597 points.

On conclusion of the race, prizes were distributed by Lady Brind, wife of Vice-Admiral Sir E. J. Patrick Brind, Commander-in-Chief, Far East Station.

The race started and finished inside the race course at Happy Valley. On leaving the race course, the contestants proceeded by way of Sports Road into Wong-chung Road up Blue Pool Road, along Tai Hong Road and then down Broadwood Road into Wong-chung Road, returning to the race course by way of Sports Road. The distance covered was slightly less than four miles.

Results:

Individual runners: 1st: Leading Seaman Ham (Belfast); 2nd: Lieut. Faton (Dampier); 3rd: A/B Moore (Belfast). (Time: 19 min. 45 sec.)

Fleet Trophy: 1st: HMS Belfast (584 points); 2nd: HMS London (602 points); 3rd: Frigate (1150 points).

Small Ships: HMS Dampier (597 points).

BADMINTON RESULTS

The following are results of Badminton League games played during the week:

Men's Doubles: "A" Division: University beat Recco, 2-0. Men's Doubles: "B" Division: Kowloon Tong "A" beat St. John's "A", 2-0. Chinese YMCA beat RAF, 8-1. St. Teresa's "A" beat Kowloon Dock, 9-0. VRC "A" beat KCC, 8-1. Recco beat St. John's "B", 9-0. Kowloon Tong "B" beat VRC "B", 9-0. University beat KCC (w.o.).

TODAY'S GAMES

Junior Mixed Doubles: St. Teresa's "A" vs. KCC. Recco vs. Kowloon Dock.

Finland's Government Wins Confidence Vote

Helsinki, February 23.

Finland's Social Democrat Government, defeated on one vote of confidence, succeeded in remaining in power tonight by narrowly winning a second confidence motion soon afterwards. In the second poll, it attained the constitutionally stipulated two-vote majority, the figures being 97 to 95.

The votes came during a heated 30-hour debate, starting yesterday, on the agrarian policy. The first vote, according to Helsinki Radio, showed 97-96 for the Government but on a recount the voting was 97-97.

The issue was settled by drawing lots which went against the Government. When the debate was continued a second vote of confidence was taken and this time the Government secured the necessary majority.

The Agrarian Party, which won the general elections last July, had asked the Government if "it is aware that low fixed prices of farm produce, marketing difficulties, increased production costs and high taxation, have made the position of farmers and especially smallholders, untenable."

Mechanical Voting

Parliament was asked to vote at the same time on a Conservative motion of confidence in the Government. The result, after automatic voting, was 99 for the Agrarian motion and 95 for the Conservative motion. Nine members abstained.

In mechanical voting, members press buttons automatically, recording their decisions. The Social Democrats, defeated, called for open voting which gave 97 to 97. Lots were drawn as constitutionally stipulated in case of equal voting and the Government lost. But, as if to insure itself, it had also tabled its own motion of confidence. It was lost by the mechanical voting, which gave 95 for the Government and 97 against.

Fine Acting In 'Arsenic, Old Lace'

Upon the acting of Dorrie Foster and Segwan Sarler, the Garrison Players' presentation of Joseph Kesselring's "Arsenic and Old Lace" stands as the season's most entertaining play so far, and one which will take a great deal to beat.

In the roles of Aunt Abby and Aunt Martha, the altruistic Brewster sisters of Brooklyn, who are possessed of a passion for relieving melancholy souls from their poor bodies by the ministering of arsenic, these two players return such fine performances that their supporting cast becomes comparatively weak in comparison.

Not that the others do not count in this fine production. On the contrary, Tom Monaghan as Jonathan one of the Brewster brothers with a vicious idea of an ambition (he begs 12 corpses), gives a most convincing performance in the light of Arsenic and Old Lace.

Audrey Foster and Harold Parker as the young people in the grim comedy provide the love story to complete the picture.

With "Arsenic" the Garrison Players make their debut on the amateur theatre platform. They acquitted themselves with such merit that only the applause that greeted the final curtain at their first night yesterday, could adequately describe.

It is unnecessary to narrate the story of a play which has met with the highest praise in all the press it has appeared.

For those who crave for comedy, here is comedy at its best and truest form. For those with a desire for thrills, "Arsenic" contains a many a moment of amusing suspense.

Garrison Players' presentation of "Arsenic and Old Lace" will find itself in demand for an additional performance, taking into account, aside from its grand effort, the limited capacity of the Seaven's Institute where the "arsenic" is being played.

OXFORD'S CREW ANNOUNCED

Oxford, February 24.

Oxford University announced its crew on Wednesday for the annual boat race against Cambridge on March 26. The men awarded "Blues" are:

Four—G. Flak (Geelong and Oriel); Two—C. V. Davidge (Eton and Trinity); Three—W. J. H. Leckie (Edinburgh Academy) and Four—A. L. Arundell (Marlborough and Marlborough); Five—A. Rowe (Eton and Trinity); Six—T. Aikles (Arbly and Trinity); Seven—J. M. Clay (Eton and Marlborough); Eight—J. Cavanagh (Winchester and Marlborough); Nine—A. Falgrave Brown (Shrewsbury and Queens).—Associated Press.

PARKER WINS

Paris, February 23.

Frank Parker, of the United States, beat Henri Cochet, the famous French star of pre-war days, in straight sets in their quarter-final of the French covered courts tennis championships today. Parker, with his volleys and fast returns, dominated the game from start to finish, although Cochet fought hard and took the third set to 10 games.

Parker won 6-2, 6-4, 6-7.—Reuter.

KCC XI Clash With Optimists In Best Game

Best match on tomorrow's League cricket card promises to be the one between Kowloon Cricket Club and the "Optimists". Cricket Club and the "Optimists", while another good game should be that between Recco, playing at home, and Royal Navy.

On Sunday another good game is promised—that between the two Hong Kong Cricket Club sides, "Optimists" and "Scorpions". The best match between these teams resulted in a draw, but I rather fancy the latter's chances, especially if they are at full strength.

The "Scorpions" will be at home to Craigengower tomorrow and it is doubtful if the Happy Valley team will be able to hold their hosts, who should quite comfortably.

At the Navy ground, also tomorrow, the Senior Service 2nd XI will meet Club de Recco juniors who should win, but anything can happen on the tricky wicket and I will not be surprised if the home team brings off the unexpected.

Indian RC will be at home to Kowloon seconds in a friendly and if Kowloon wins, as I expect they will, it will not be out of turn, as the Indians won both their League games earlier in the season.

University seconds had arranged a friendly with Indian RC at Pokfulam on Sunday but the game has been called off.

Anna Strong Supoenaed In New York

New York, February 24.

Mrs. Anna Louise Strong, American journalist kicked out of Russia for espionage, arrived at La Guardia airport early today and was immediately whisked into the terminal building by two FBI agents.

As soon as she got off the plane she was served with a subpoena to appear before the Federal Grand Jury investigating Communism in the United States. No date has been set for her appearance.

The airline spokesman said the FBI had no immediate interest in Mrs. Strong other than (to serve the subpoena).

Looking tired as she stepped from the plane to face some 50 newsmen and photographers, a special detail of 12 police officers and FBI agents, Mrs. Strong had no immediate statement.

She wore a huge tan fur coat with a small black hat over her gray hair.

Mrs. Strong hesitated for some 10 minutes before she slowly descended the ramp to face the crowd of newsmen. She was carrying two additional coats over her arm and wore goggles.

Earlier, when she landed in Gander, she told reporters not to use her to inflame international friction.

The stewardess said Mrs. Strong told her she was afraid there would be a great many reporters on hand when she arrived in New York and that she did not want to see them.

She quoted Mrs. Strong as saying: "You see I had little trouble with the Russian government. I wanted to go to China through Siberia and they did not want the road open. It was not open and I did not know it."

Mrs. Strong kept mostly to herself during the trip and "read practically everything we had aboard," the stewardess added.

There was a light passenger load and she had a double seat to herself.—United Press.

DISCHARGED

Hung Sum, driver of Public Car No. 440, was discharged at Central yesterday, when his counsel's plea that there was no charge to answer was upheld by Mr. Hin Shing Lo.

Hung was summoned for failing to stop and produce the driver's licence and answer other particulars on Beach Road where he was alleged to be responsible for a fatal accident caused to motor cycle No. 621 in an accident.

Lee Savold Making Head Lines

New York, February 23.

For a defeated boxer, Lee Savold, the New Jersey heavyweight, seems to be doing very well for himself. Recently returned from Britain, where he fought a four-round contest with British champion, Bruce Woodcock, Savold continues to loom large in the headlines as a possible challenger to the world champion, Joe Louis.

As far as publicity is concerned, Savold, at the moment, seems to be ahead of the erstwhile No. 1 challenger, Ezzard Charles, and Bill Dally, Savold's manager, is striking while the iron is hot. Dally only a few hours after stepping from the liner from Britain, was off to Chicago to talk to Louis.

Dally did not persuade the champion to accept Savold as an opponent for June, but he was able to keep his name in the public eye. As a result, the talk is that Savold may be the one to step into the ring with Louis at the Yankee Stadium in June.

Savold and his manager have refused to commit themselves to an eliminating match with Charles, because, as Dally explains, he is still confident that he can tempt Louis to try his hand against Savold again. They are convinced that if Louis fights again, he will be beaten, especially if his opponent is Savold.

Big Drawing Card

More and more critics are becoming convinced that Savold might be a big drawing card against Louis, and the publicity campaign being conducted on the challenger's behalf indicates that there may be "something in the wind."

Savold has been studying his own style in relation to Louis and he has concluded: "I have a style to make a good fight of it. The best punch I can throw with is a jab. Conn used it to get him up for left hooks and right jabs. My footwork isn't as fast as Conn's but it's faster in comparison with Louis than Billy's was when they fought the first time."

"Right now I'm in better shape than I have ever been and I am a better fighter than I ever was against Louis, right or left, and I can punch better than Conn and I'm bigger."

Savold and Dally left a considerable amount of money they had earned in Britain in a London bank, but that fact does not concern them. "We will have to go back next summer and spend it," he observed.

On his fight with Woodcock, Savold persists in his claim that he did not hit Woodcock low. "I told them over there," he said, "that I will fight him again and promise not to hit him in the belly, only on the chin."—Reuter.

Woodcock May Give Up Title

London, February 22.

Bruce Woodcock, British, European and Empire heavyweight champion, will relinquish his European title if a ruling made by the European Boxing Board that he must defend it in April against Olle Tandberg, of Sweden, is enforced.

Tom Hurst, Woodcock's manager, received a letter from the British Boxing Board of Control today stating that they had been notified by the European Board that contracts must be completed by March 18 for a contest to take place between Woodcock and Tandberg, the chief contender, on April 29 with Woodcock's European title at stake.

Woodcock is due to leave shortly for South Africa, where he meets Johnny Ralph, the South African champion, on March 28.

He then defends his British title against Freddie Mills in London on June 2.

Hurst said tonight: "If the ruling is enforced, they can have the European heavyweight title. It is impossible for Woodcock to fly 6,000 miles back from South Africa and be acclimatised and trained ready to meet Tandberg in so short a time. If someone else gets the title, Woodcock can always challenge for it again later."—Reuter.

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